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Robinson Elected SGA President

By ERIC KAPNER
SGA Correspondent

Last week's student government elections saw impressive voter turnout. In total, 1,730 students voted, which is about 68 percent of the college's student body. This is more than double last year's turnout of around 30 percent, and is 12 percent higher than national turnout for the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Nia Robinson '19 was elected SGA president with almost two-thirds of the votes (1,122), winning a decisive electoral victory over the other two candidates, current SGA speaker Rae Aaron '19.5 (435) and Charles Rainey '19 (129).

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Nia Robinson '19.

"I'd like to thank everyone who voted, whether it was for first or last election," Robinson said. "I'm so excited to get to work, but please feel free to email with concerns or ideas for the upcoming year!"

Lynn Travnikova '20 was elected co-chair of Community Council for next year's fall term, winning out over current Atwater senator John Gosselin '20 at 1,035 votes to 516. But Gosselin won an uncontested victory to be co-chair for the spring term.

"I'm looking forward to a lot of fulfilling, hard work to lay the foundations for the Community Council reach its full potential," Travnikova

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SGA Passes Two Gun Violence Bills

By BEN DOHAN
Staff Writer

Two resolutions, one in support of Middlebury students against gun violence and one calling for action against racism resulting in gun violence, were passed by the SGA on Sunday. Contention surrounding both bills centered around questions over the scope of responsibility of the SGA in addressing political, far-reaching issues.

The first resolution stated that gun violence is an issue that requires immediate action to ensure the safety of students, encourages students to be aware and engage in issues they care about, and calls on the admissions office to reword their statement on applicants and political action.

The current statement, issued on Feb. 28 of this year in a nationwide response to high school walkouts protesting gun violence, addresses applicants' involvement in protests. In a similar approach to its peer institutions, the college's statement assures students that reports of disciplinary action based on political action will be considered in light of students' free-speech rights and obligation to engage politically.

Senators Connor McCormick '18 and Jack Goldfield '20 raised opposition to the bill because it is largely a political statement, with few actionable policies, and nothing that the SGA itself can act on.

The senate debated whether it was their role to make political statements. Some senators argued that they had received backlash for making political statements, while others brought up criticism that they had received for not making political statements

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More than 300 students presented their research and projects at last week's spring symposium in Bicentennial Hall.

SPECIAL FEATURE

'Now We Are More Scared': Migrant Workers, and Dairy Farms, Feel Threat of Immigration Policy

By SADIE HOUSBERG
Local Editor

In the late 1980s and into the 1990s, dairying in New England was in crisis. Small farms were faced with a lack of demand for agricultural labor, according to Vermont Representative Peter Conlon, 53. Conlon, who was born and raised in Vermont, worked as a dairy labor specialist for ten years with Agri-Placement, a company that offers employee placement and support services for dairy farms.

"Americans have, by and large, walked away from doing this kind of job," Conlon said. This has played out on many farms throughout New England and into the twenty-first century.

"It used to be that there was always somebody knockin' on the door for a job — always, I mean constantly," said Marie Audet, who owns Blue Spruce Farm in Bridport with her husband, Eugene. She manages the office side of the business — no small feat for a farm of over 700 mature dairy animals, categorized as a large farm operation in Vermont. Eugene, a "herdsman," works daily with the cows.

Other members of her family occupy many different roles of the operation. Her nephew is a mechanic and works with tractors, her sister-in-law runs a day care for the children on the farm, and her son works with the baby cows.

"People just don't stop in like they used to looking for work — it's not happening," Ms. Audet said. Her office walls are covered from floor to ceiling in framed photographs from years of cow show competitions. There are 29 employees in total at Blue Spruce Farm — nine of whom are part of the Audet family, although Marie tends to say that "it's not a big farm; it's a big family."

"I think that's important to know because you probably come here and see a large farm," Ms. Audet said. "This [operation] was two people — and now there are 20 of us. We're four generations. We want to continue working together but we need the business to be big enough to support all of our families."

As domestic demand for farming jobs dwindled, small family farm owners — like the Audets — were left searching for help, says Conlon. Will Lambek, spokesperson and staff member of Migrant Justice (Justicia Migrante), a local human rights and food justice advocacy organization, contends that the dairy industry has been in severe distress for a long time now. U.S. dairy prices are tied to the global commodity market for dairy, which has meant wild fluctuations in prices that are based on world supply and demand. When milk prices drop below production costs, small businesses struggle to stay afloat and are often bought up by larger farms.

Over the past 50 years, this consolidation has caused the number of dairy farms in Vermont to decline significantly, from 11,000 in 1947 to 858 in 2015, according to an article published on Dec. 8 in Vermont's Seven Days.

"Family farms have closed and larger, neighboring farms have had to buy them up," Lambek said. "Because these larger farms can no longer sustain their business with just family employees. They need to look elsewhere to hire workers but they don't have the capital to invest in dignified livable wages."

According to Lambek, at the same time that global market forces and lack of domestic demand for agricultural labor were putting pressure on dairying in the U.S., forces of neoliberalism opened up the Mexican economy.

"Hundreds of thousands of rural Mexicans have been forced off of their land and then forced to emigrate to the U.S. to look for work," Lambek said.

Word began to spread informally through the immigrant community, bringing a population of people, largely from Mexico, but also from other Latin American countries, to the Northeast, who were willing to supply labor. Tim Howlett, owner of Champlainside Farm in Bridport, has experienced this sort of network within the migrant community.

"These guys are really good," Howlett said. "When they go home

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STUDENTS DESIGN HOMES FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

By JAEHEE PARK
Contributing Writer

Architecture students here are collaborating this spring and next fall semester with Addison County's branch of Habitat for Humanity on a project to design two housing units. The houses will be built in spring 2019 on a single lot on Seymour Street.

Habitat for Humanity is an international and nonprofit organization dedicated to building affordable housing in order to address the housing issues that result from poverty. The local branch serves Addison County and is comprised of a 16 member board of directors made up of volunteers and over a hundred non-board volunteers

The Addison County branch was the result of collaboration between Margaret and Peter Carothers (co-founders of the chapter) and a Middlebury student's interest in investigating the issues regarding affordable housing. The chapter built its first house in 1988, and has been building on a near-yearly basis since — it is currently finishing up its tenth house.

The average wage earners of Vermont aren't able to keep up with the rising living costs, creating a need for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. All Habitat houses are built by affiliates and volunteers using donated and discounted materials. An important function of the organization is its ability to sell houses without mortgage interests to families who cannot obtain traditionally mortgaged houses. Thus, Habitat is able to sell a complete three to four bedroom house including the mortgage tax and insurance costs for only around $125,000.

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Leading MLK Scholar Lectures On King's Legacy

By KENZO OKAZAKI
Contributing Writer

Martin Luther King scholar Clayborne Carson addressed MLK's unanswered question, "Where do we go from here?" in an April 17 talk about his legacy and the future of the civil rights movement. He said that the question remains open, but that we should not become complacent with civil rights victories while the question of human rights remains.

Carson, who is currently a professor of history at Stanford and serves as the founding director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute, has devoted much of his life and work to the study of King. He founded the Institute in 2005 to expand the King Papers Project he began in 1985 after being selected by Coretta Scott King to oversee the publishing of her late husband's speeches, sermons and other papers.

In reflecting on Martin Luther King's legacy, Carson encouraged the audience to look beyond the victories of that time to the work that remains to be done.

He said that he believes, however, that contemporary issues, such as Black Lives Matter and mass incarceration, cannot be solved within the framework of civil rights.

"The issues of the twenty first century have much more to do with the unfinished business of human rights than civil rights," Carson said.

He said that he believes that Martin Luther King foresaw this shift in the movement when writing "Where Do We Go From Here." If he were only

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The Student Government Association hosted a fair in celebration of Earth Day last Sunday, April 22 in Wilson Hall.

Earth Day Brings Students and Local Organizations Together

By CHRIS GERNON
Staff Writer

Whether it's the small stickers under the light switches that say "Be bright and turn off the light!" or getting rid of the to-go boxes, Middlebury's commitment to environmental sustainability is displayed often and unabashedly.

This past Sunday, Apr. 22, as a celebration of Earth Day, local clubs and organizations got the opportunity to exhibit how they're making a difference in the fight against climate change.

The Earth Day event, which took place in Wilson Hall, was put on by the Student Government Environmental Affairs committee.

"We wanted to hold the event to showcase environmental work being done on a local, national and global scale," said Jacob Freedman, a first-year on the Environmental Affairs committee who helped organize the event. "We also wanted the tone of the event to be one of hope and agency, a change from the negativity that often lingers in our conversations of global warming and climate change."

There were a wide variety of representatives from both the College and the greater Middlebury community who attended to show a commitment to environmental sustainability and an appreciation of the Earth.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

By CAMPUS STAFF

THE CAMPUS ELECTS NEW TOP EDITORS

The Campus editorial board elected Will DiGravio '19 editor in chief for the upcoming academic year. Nick Garber '19 and Rebecca Walker '19 were elected managing editors.

DiGravio, who ran for the position unopposed, began his tenure with the paper as a news writer his first semester and became a news editor the following year. He currently serves as the paper's managing editor.

Garber also joined The Campus staff as a news writer and became an editor for the section during the winter term of his sophomore year. Walker joined the paper's local section during her first semester and became an editor for that section during winter term of that academic year. Both Garber and Walker served as senior editors for their respective sections this past fall before departing for semesters abroad.

This is the first year The Campus has elected two managing editors.

— Sabine Poux

PATTON ELECTED TO ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

President Laurie L. Patton was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' 238th class of members last week. The academy has honored leaders in a variety of disciplines since its founding in 1780. Once inducted, members are expected to participate in a variety of initiatives and publications managed by the academy.

Patton was elected for her excellence in academic scholarship and administration.

"The primary criterion is excellence in one's field — as an interclass candidate, this means she was chosen for excellence in both religious studies and academic administration," said Kristin Gustafson, the academy's director of membership and elections.

"I'm still trying to absorb the news," Patton said in a Newsroom article published last week. "I'm deeply honored to be part of such a remarkable group of individuals elected to this year's class and to join the members who have preceded us in the academy's history. They will always be my teachers."

The class of 2018 includes 213 new members, including author Ta-Nehisi Coates, actor Tom Hanks, 44th president of the United States Barack Obama, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

An induction ceremony will take place in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in October. New members sign a book that includes the signatures of members such as Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Albert Einstein, Robert Frost and Martin Luther King, Jr.

— Elizabeth Sawyer

SGA TO HOLD STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

In celebration of Staff Appreciation Day, the Student Government Association will sponsor a free dinner for the college's staff members on April 30 in Atwater dining hall. Staff members are encouraged to bring immediate family to the event, which will be catered by the Waybury Inn.

"Every day, Middlebury students are positively affected by the contribution you make to our campus, and this deserves celebration," said the SGA in an email to the entire college staff.

The SGA also sent an email to students asking for short thank-you messages for staff members for a video compilation that will be presented at the dinner. The email additionally called for student volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up at the event, as well as volunteers to babysit children of staff members.

Students can visit go/thankyoustaff to contribute to the thank-you video compilation.

— Sabine Poux

COLLEGE JOINS AMERICAN TALENT INITIATIVE

The college recently joined the American Talent Initiative, an organization that aims to "attract, enroll, and graduate 50,000 additional high-achieving, low- and moderate-income students at the nation's top colleges and universities" by 2025, according to their website.

Institutions associated with ATI strive to boost access to higher education. As a member, Middlebury will take steps to matriculate a larger number of low-income students, which complements existing policies at the college, including need-blind admissions, grants for unpaid summer internships, and First@Midd.

Some of Middlebury's new strategies will include improving recruitment and transfer processes, prioritizing of need-based aid, developing systems that help raise lower-income students' graduation rates and increasing the number of applicants and students eligible for Pell Grants.

ATI was made up of 30 member institutions when it formed in 2016, and has grown to include 100. Seventeen states' flagship universities, the entire Ivy League, and dozens of other private colleges are already members.

— Nicole Pollack

Migrant Workers in Fear After January ICE Raid

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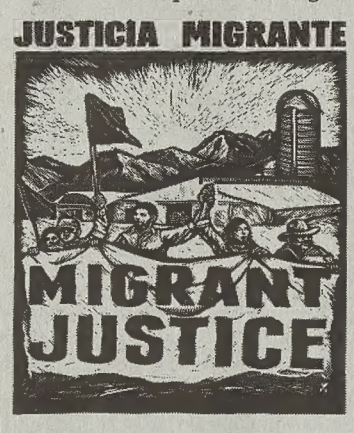
they usually give two months notice and they sometimes will say, 'Hey, I know a guy looking for a job.' If they can vouch for whoever is coming in, we say okay."

"I'm here *por la necesidad* — out of necessity," said Fide, 29, who has worked on a dairy farm in Addison County for seven years. "There are few jobs in my town and you can't make a lot of money." At one point, Fide returned home to Oaxaca, México, to work a job that earned him less than 25 cents an hour.

It was at this intersection of pressure and stress on dairying that the Audets began using Agri-Placement as an intermediary to find and vet workers. A large number of Blue Spruce's "family" of employees are workers like Fide. Supported and contracted through employment services, migrant laborers are crucial to Blue Spruce's success just as they are crucial to the success of the entire dairy industry in Vermont.

"I want to say that in Vermont, the average person probably does understand how important immigrant



workers are to dairy," Howlett said. "I think that in the greater world where people can go weeks without even seeing a cow, they might not think twice about it. The milk is just in the store and that's the way it works."

Supply and demand for Vermont's labor force still exists globally. The flow of migrant workers to the state does not seem to be slowing despite national xenophobia towards immigrants. But with increasing immigration enforcement at the federal level, the arrangement is being increasingly stressed.

"At the moment there is still a workforce, but that's really being put at risk and there's no substitute right now. There's no clear alternative," Lambek said.

Following the death of 18-year-old José Obeth Santiz Cruz, from Chiapas, México, on a farm in Franklin County in 2009, immigrant farmworkers organized to create Migrant Justice/Justicia Migrante.

"His death was an unnecessary death that could have been prevented by proper training and acted as a catalyst for immigrant farmworkers to come together," Lambek said.

Surveys of more than 200 dairy workers across the state found systemic and abusive violations of human rights. Workers were almost entirely left out of the picture of Vermont's dairy industry.

"They wouldn't leave their farms for months at a time because housing was on site," Lambek said. Immigrants were working seven days a week with no days off, no sufficient breaks for meals or sleep, averaging 60 to 80 hours a week, and returning to unlivable, isolated and overcrowded housing.

According to Fide, Migrant Justice has helped friends and coworkers get access to driver's licenses, better pay, and housing despite their immigration status. "Here in this state, I know that there are organizations like Migrant Justice that can help many people," Fide said.

He wants people to know that there are ways to get help and improved working conditions.

Although Ernesto and Jesús, two migrant farmworkers, may have the option to take occasional breaks during the workday or a full day off, they generally choose not to. And what would be the point? They are both here to earn money to support their families at home, not to build a permanent life in the U.S.

"I can speak for every immigrant here," Jesús said. "No one is here on vacation. No one is here for any reason other than to work."

And, Jesús reminds me, glancing down at his tall, mud-encrusted rubber boots, "Somebody has to do the dirty work so that milk cartons end up on grocery store shelves."

Will Lambek believes that an incident in Franklin County last August between local police, ICE, and the two Mexican farmworkers was a clear instance of discrimination and in violation of the Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) policy in place at the time. Despite this violation, the policy as a whole was very strong. According to Lambek, new changes to the FIP proposed by the Trump administration may create new loopholes that will make it easier for local law enforcement to justify collaborating with federal law enforcement.

In 2014, President Barack Obama ended the "Secure Communities" program, which upheld the random deportation of taxpaying, contributing community members who came to the U.S. illegally. Under the program, simple traffic violations were often catalysts for deportations. That same year, following the termination of "Secure Communities," the Department of Homeland Security set guidelines intended to prioritize the deportation of people who are "threats to national security and public safety."

In Vermont, the FIP was put into place to prevent police discrimination and profiling. Proposed changes would remove many protections for undocumented immigrants from the 2016 policy. They would allow local police to inform federal immigration authority — particularly active in Vermont because it is a border state — if they discover that victims or witnesses of a crime do not have legal documentation. Additionally, the new policy would allow police officers operating near the Canadian border to contact federal immigration authorities if they suspect someone has crossed into the U.S. illegally.

But Lambek and other activists returned from a hearing held on Jan. 24 feeling hopeful. The Committee on Governmental Operations said that it would consider legislation to push back the implementation date of the proposed changes to the FIP, saying that they would rather get it done right than get it done on time.

MIGRANT JUSTICE

Migrant workers and activists support milk with dignity campaign.

The isolation of undocumented workers is only furthered by fear and worry about the possibility of detention or deportation.

"I do get nervous when I go out, if I'm in a store or something and I see an ICE agent or something, I'll try to leave pretty quickly and just come back here," Fide said. "When I hear about people getting deported or arrested, I just hope it doesn't happen to me. I think to myself, okay one more year and I'll be able to finally go back home."

For Ernesto, though, these worries have not increased noticeably under the new administration. Life in Addison County is "igúal."

"It's the same as it was before the new president," he said. "I didn't leave [the house] then and nothing has changed. Maybe it's different for people who live in the cities. But not for me."

"It does feel different now," Jesús said, disagreeing with his coworker. "Maybe Americans haven't felt much of a difference or had a change of heart, but immigrants have."

Jesús continued: "There is more fear now. There has always been fear. We are illegals. We were illegals before and we still are. Whether we have a racist president or not, the fear was always present. But now we are more scared."

In this state, losses of protection for undocumented immigrants, increased ICE activity, and collaboration with local law enforcement are changes that pose concrete threats to migrant workers, farm owners and Vermonters alike.

"The threat to their workforce is causing farm owners stress. When you look at organizations like the Vermont Farm Bureau and other lobbies, immigration is something that people are paying close attention to," Lambek said.

But he qualifies that there are many different responses inside that framework. "Many farm owners voted for Trump," he said. "They believe that undocumented immigrants should be sent out of the U.S. but they also want to protect their workforce. Political schizophrenia exists widely. People hold these contradictory opinions at the same time."

Though some farmer owners align with Migrant Justice's stance that a pathway to citizenship is needed, there are others who, according to Lambek, are hoping for an expansion of the H-2A visa program — a temporary form of documentation for seasonal workers. But dairying is a year-round industry.

"Temporary workers statuses tie people's immigration status to them, which opens the door for abuse and exploitation. Migrant justice opposes any immigration bill that ties people's specific employment to their immigration status," Lambek said.

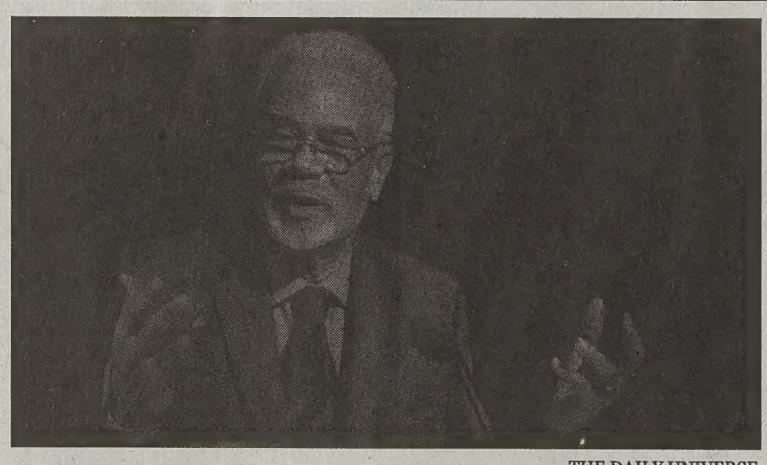
"One thing I want to say is there are a lot of people who come here to work," Fide said. "There aren't many opportunities to work where I come from and the jobs that exist don't pay enough. We come here to work but we respect the law. This is not our country, so we know to respect the law. I think that it is really important for people to be able to get permits or visas to be able to come here and work. It is so important. Those who come here to stay are few. We come here to work and make money to support our families and then we go home."

> ***"When I hear about people getting deported or arrested, I just hope it doesn't happen to me."***

As turbulent as the situation for dairying and migrant workers appears to be, farmers like Marie Audet and workers like Fide, Jesús and Ernesto continue to wake up in the early hours of the morning to make the whole operation run.

"The day we take a break is the day the cow stops making milk," Jesús said.

But early in the morning of Jan. 18, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement conducted a raid at a Days Inn Motel in Colchester, Vermont. This raid was the first of its kind in the state. Fourteen workers were detained and could be deported. The raid took place without any additions to immigration enforcement budgets. With an increase in funds and agents, such as what the Trump administration is proposing, ICE would have the power to undertake many more similar sweeps across the state.



THE DAILY UNIVERSE

Visiting speaker Clayborne Carson founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute and currently teaches at Stanford University.

Clayborne Carson Speaks on Continuing MLK's Work

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interested in civil rights, he would have retired after the passing of the Voting Rights Acts of 1965 but instead he remained committed to activism, Carson said.

Carson spent a significant portion of his lecture addressing the role Coretta Scott King played in defining Martin Luther King's commitment to human rights. In evaluating a series of personal letters between the two, Carson saw their political views as a sort of glue which held their marriage together.

Despite growing up under vastly different economic and social conditions, Martin Luther King' and Coretta Scott King's politics converged. Carson argued that these unconventional political views brought them closer. Additionally, Coretta Scott King's immersion in left politics of the late 1940s was critical in defining the roots of Martin Luther King's activism.

"When we look at the kinds of things Paul Robeson, W.E.B. DuBois, Babe Rustin were trying to accomplish during those years, it had to do with moving beyond the civil rights movement of that time to a human rights movement which was global in scope," Carson said.

Coretta Scott King shared this commitment and influenced Martin Luther King in his activism after the Voting Rights Act. The push towards a global human rights agenda was hindered by the downfall of the progressive party and the rise of the anti-communist movement. These events made it impossible for any leader in the United States to support a human rights agenda while working for civil rights, Carson said.

"The issue of African American civil rights was disconnected from the concern for global human rights necessarily," Carson said of the period.

However, after his victory in 1965, Martin Luther King's activism became more intense. He had achieved a huge victory, yet he still asked the question "Where do we go from here?" Carson said he believes that Martin Luther King understood that while the successes of civil rights were a great achievement, they did not expand the nature of rights. He was therefore interested in moving again toward a push for human rights, a move that was heavily influenced by Coretta Scott King.

Carson's talk was this year's Charles Grant Memorial Lecture, which is organized by the history department.

SGA ADDRESSES GUN VIOLENCE

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in the wake of the student protests at Charles Murray's talk last March.

Senator Kailash Pandey '19 defended the bill on the merits that the one of the roles of the SGA is to encourage the community to think about important issues, while senator Maryam Mahboob '18 cautioned that it is not the SGA's job to tell people what to think.

The resolution passed, opposed by McCormick, and with abstentions from Goldfield, senator Stephanie Andrews '18, and speaker Rae Aaron '19.5.

The second resolution called for more actionable policy from the administration by bringing more professionals to campus who are trained and experienced working with diverse communities. It calls for Parton health center to hire a clinical psychologist who is trained and experienced to work in diverse communities and states that the SGA themselves will work to bring speakers to campus this May to provide students with "healing spaces, activities and resources facilitated by trained, experienced professionals familiar with the identities and culture of black students."

It also called for Middlebury to acknowledge the institutional racism that results in disproportionate impacts of gun violence on black students and says that the SGA supports "unwavering action" to support those students.

The debate over this resolution was much shorter. A clause about charitable organizations was removed after McCormick raised the issue that it's not the SGA's responsibility to choose between charitable organizations. This resolution was passed as well, with McCormick opposed, and Andrews, Goldfield, and Aaron, along with senators John Schurer '21, and Violet Low-Beinart '19, abstaining.

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said. "There's a gap in communication and coherence on this campus, and I believe the Community Council can work to fill it. John and I are both ambitious and optimistic about the year to come, and I'm sure our teamwork will be constructive."

In the referendum to decide whether the student body supports the divestment of Middlebury's endowment from corporations that make use of fossil fuels, the vote was overwhelmingly yes, with almost 80 percent of students voting in favor of divestment.

Turnout for commons senator elections was extremely low, with no election having even eight percent of eligible voters from that commons. The commons elections were done separately from the general election through Google forms due to a technical issue, resulting in low turnout.

Conner Gilbert '19 was elected Atwater senator, Rehan Zafar '21 was elected Brainerd senator, William Kelley '21 was elected Cook senator, Nate Blumenthal '21.5 was elected Wonnacott senator and Samuel Lyons '21 was elected Ross senator. All candidates ran uncontested.

In the only contested class senatorial election, current first-year senator John Schurer '21 and Eun Ho Lee were elected as sophomore senators. Lee won over current first-year senator David Vargas by a slim margin of seven votes.

Chellsa Ferdinand and current sophomore senator Jack Goldfield were elected as junior senators for the fall term, and current sophomore senator Varsha Vijayakumar and current Wonnacott senator Anthony Salas were elected as junior senators for the spring term. Alexis Lovato and Travis Sanderson were elected as senior senators.

Seven Middlebury Hotspots Welcome Restaurant Week

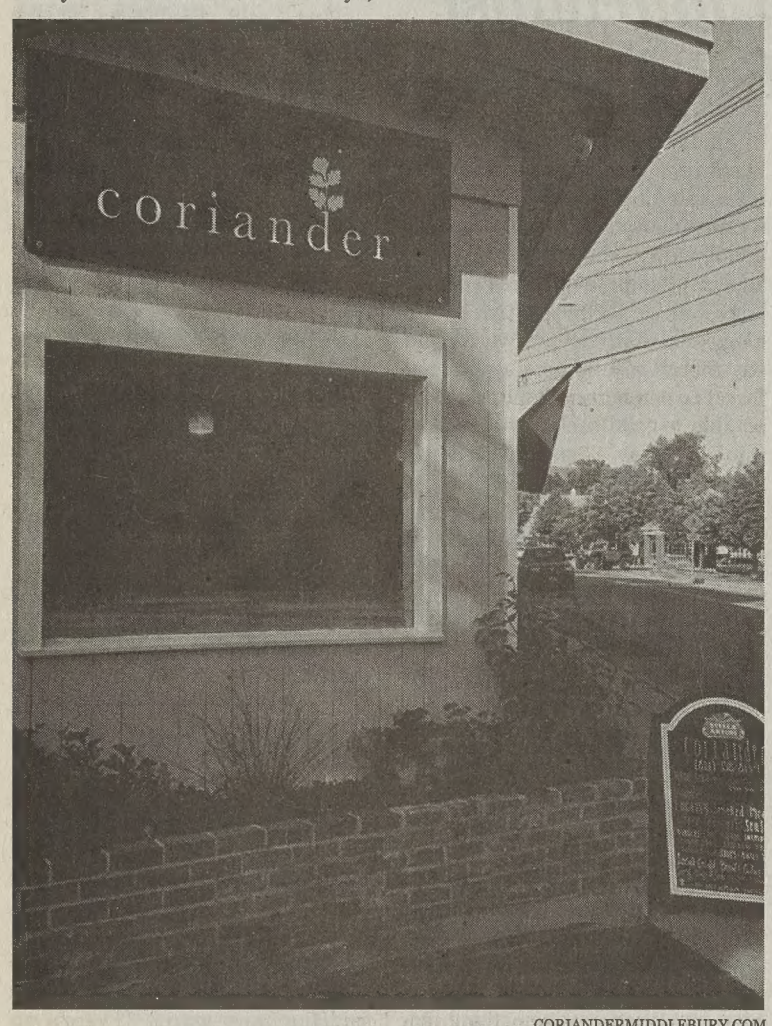
By RACHEL COHEN
Contributing Writer

MIDDLEBURY — The 9th annual Vermont Restaurant Week presented by Vermont Federal Credit Union and organized by Seven Days, a Burlington-based newspaper, began on Friday, April 20.

One hundred and fifteen restaurants from all over the state, including twenty first-time restaurants, are participating in this year's event. Each participating restaurant offers a multi-course prix-fixe menu at $20, $30, or $40 per person.

Restaurant weeks happen all over the world, offering reduced or fixed price menus to customers, and nine years ago, Seven Days decided to organize a restaurant week in Vermont.

Corey Grenier, the Marketing and Events Director for Seven Days, said that the event is mutually beneficial for Seven Days, which covers Vermont's food scene, and its clients and advertisers. The majority of the participating restaurants, she said, are year-round advertising clients of the newspaper. The event also occurs during "mud season," bringing in crowds during a particularly slow time for tourism throughout Vermont, Grenier said.



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Coriander, a new restaurant participating in its first Restaurant Week.

In addition to the prix-fixe menus, restaurants and companies host special food-themed events throughout the week.

One new event this year was "Stretch & Sip Yoga" hosted by Soulshine Power Yoga and located at Switchback Brewing Co. of Burlington. On Sunday, April 22, twenty-eight guests enjoyed an all-levels yoga class in the tasting room. Through ticket sales, the event generated $560 for Vermont Foodbank, the state's largest hunger-relief organization and a beneficiary of Vermont Restaurant Week. Last year, Vermont Restaurant Week donated $21,380 to Vermont Foodbank. This year's target, Grenier said, is to beat that amount.

In addition to the proceeds from the special event ticket sales, eleven restaurants elected to donate $1 from each Restaurant Week meal to Vermont Food Bank. Additionally, City Market/Onion River Co-op, one of the festival's sponsors, has a Rally for Change program which encourages customers to round up their bill at the register. For the month of April, City Market, which has two Burlington locations, will donate forty-percent of its proceeds from the Rally for Change program to Vermont Foodbank. Last month, City Market's Rally for Change program raised $10,500 for its forty-percent recipient.

Seven restaurants in Middlebury are on the list for this year's Restaurant Week, including first-time participant Coriander, which opened its Washington Street location last June. Coriander's staff noted that the number of customers this past weekend wasn't exorbitantly higher than normal for most weekend evenings, but on Sunday night there were customers who came specifically for the Restaurant Week menu. Still, participating in Restaurant Week is beneficial, they say, because it allows them to get the word out about their business to a larger geographic area.

Executive Chef and General Manager of The Lobby restaurant on Bakery Lane, Andrea Cousineau, agrees that statewide publicity is a major benefit of Restaurant Week.

"People get to see the menu online, and they come from all over

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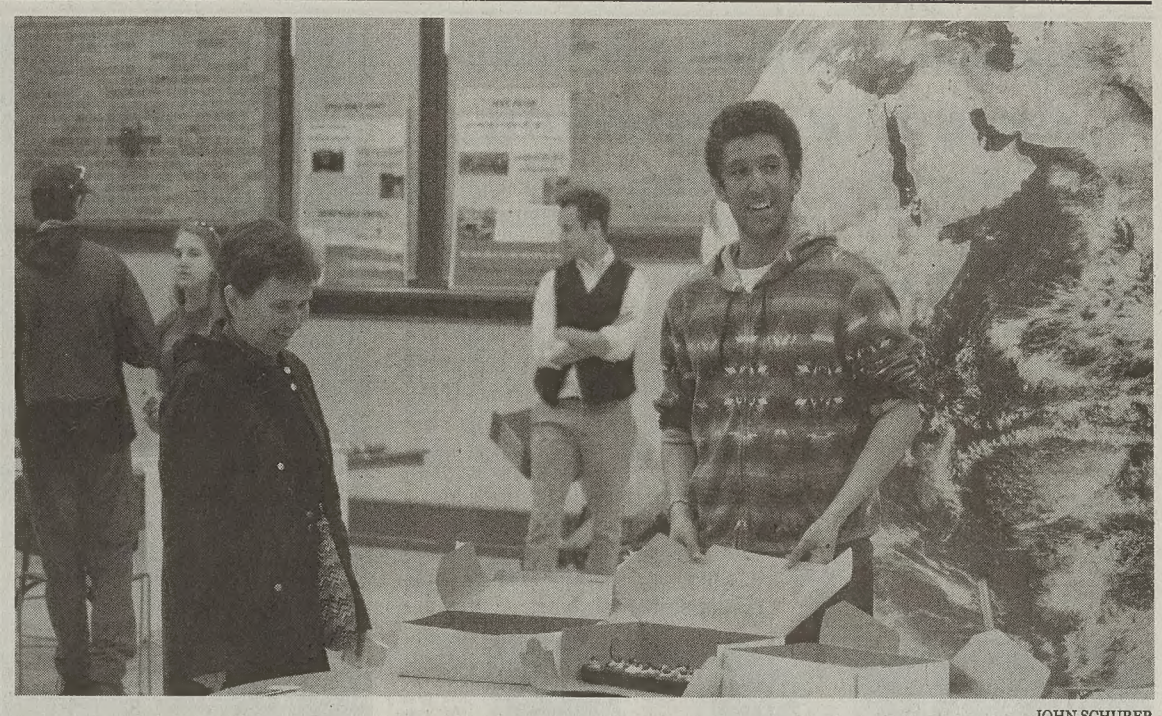

JOHN SCHURER
A student presents cupcakes from Midd Cakes to guests at the Earth Day event.

SGA Earth Day Event Attracts Local Community

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Another College representative was the newly founded Middlebury Hydroponics Club named Middponics. Approved last month, the new club's mission is to build hydroponic setups while educating the Middlebury community on sustainable growing practices. Patti Padua, the caretaker of the bihall greenhouse, has given the club space to operate out of the greenhouse.

"We grow plants without dirt," said Will Kelley, a first-year who is the co-president of the new club. "Hydroponics uses up to 90 percent less water than traditional growing methods, and is much more spatially efficient too. Plus, it doesn't require the use of fertilizers that can be harmful to the soil. As long as the energy used for it is well sourced, hydroponics can be incredibly sustainable as a means of food production."

While the club is still in its beginning phase, it is currently planning on growing herbs such as basil and thyme with the hope of eventually growing produce such as lettuce to supply to the dining halls.

Another booth at the Earth Day event was run by the Otter Creek Audubon society. The society recently held both of their biannual amphibian crossing events.

On Apr. 3 and Mar. 29, herpers—people who search for amphibians and reptiles—from around Middlebury gathered on Morgan Road to monitor and protect the amphibians as they migrated from their high altitude underground burrows, where they've spent the winter, to lower altitude, vernal pools to breed for the spring and summer.

"Cars can do a lot of damage on those roads when the frogs and salamanders are migrating," said Ron Payne, the president of the local chapter who attended the Earth Day event.

According to their report on Apr. 3, 21 volunteers spent 1.75 hours at the crossing and moved a total of 258 amphibians and one reptile.

The society also conducts monitoring projects, and one study used some of the society's data to predict where birds will want to migrate based on changes in the climate. The study concluded that many bird species will be forced out of their natural habitat in order to live in a climate most conducive to that species. Other Audubon work includes projects in local schools and work days to exterminate invasive species.

Two other organizations represented at the Earth Day event—Spirit in Nature: Interfaith Path Sanctuary and Standing for the Earth—called upon members of the community and members of the college to engage their spiritual and/or religious self to join the fight against climate change.

Spirit in Nature: Interfaith Path Sanctuary is an organization that operates on land leased by the college and builds and maintains trails that allow community members to engage with nature both physically and spiritually.

Part of their mission iterates: "We hope to heal our species' broken cultural relationship with the rest of nature. We cast our anger in spiritual and religious terms and invite the public to mindfully walk the Spirit in Nature Paths in Ripton as a practice of re-connecting with the rest of nature."

"We want our nature paths to be a place students can go to destress and hang out in nature," said Ron Slabuge, a representative at the fair.

The other faith-based organization advertised at the fair was the Addison County Interfaith Action Network (ICAN).

Their mission states: "The mission of ICAN is to be a forum in our community where spiritual, religious and ethical concerns about climate change are articulated and engaged in constructive

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JOHN SCHURER
An educational poster at last weekend's Earth Day event.

Architecture Students Tackle Plan for Habitat

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"We are able to do that because we operate solely on donations of a supportive public," said Mickey Heinecken, the president of local affairs for Addison County Habitat for Humanity. "The housing crisis is both a national and state issue, and now Habitat for Humanity can help fulfill that. There's also been an evolution in building. There's been a much greater emphasis on high-performance home building techniques and a constant movement towards higher and higher energy performance." This has a direct implication for home buyers, as the houses are made affordable long-term as they actually live in it.

Middlebury College students have been affiliated with the local Habitat chapter for the past 15 years. For the most part, this partnership has been led by the student-run club on campus dedicated to gathering volunteers and helping build Habitat for Humanity houses. However, this year's collaboration project is special because Middlebury College students are actually designing the next Habitat project in a class, instead of just being part of the building process.

"We are working closely with representatives from Habitat for Humanity Addison County to generate the design this semester and develop it through next fall and winter terms, in preparation for construction commencing next spring," said Professor John McLeod, who teaches the architecture class.

The studio design class has fourteen students each semester. The students this spring semester started with intensive research to learn about the Habitat for Humanity standards, local and state permitting requirements and energy efficiency strategies, as well as the characteristics of the planned site and surrounding neighborhood. The class then created conceptual sketches and models to review with Habitat for Humanity, community members and the Design Advisory Committee.

"The housing crisis is both a national and state issue, and how Habitat for Huamnity can help fulfill that."

The class has faced various challenges throughout the Habitat project, many involving site constraints as a result of the narrowness of the lot dimensions, the low and seasonally wet area, the partially obstructed solar orientation and a buried foundation from a previous building on the property.

"We also have to be mindful of the fact that the buildings will be built mostly by volunteers rather than full-time construction specialists," McLeod said. "And of course we want to be thoughtful about the buildings' relationships to the neighbors, the street and overall neighborhood."

Since spring break, the class has narrowed down their conceptual drawings into one design scheme featuring two small houses sharing a storage shed. They sent this design to the Habitat Building Committee to receive approval, and on April 20, the whole class met with the Middlebury Director of Planning and Zoning and the Design Advisory Committee again in an open session for approval.

"I would summarize by saying that the response was favorable," McLeod said of the committee session. "Our team had worked hard to incorporate the feedback we had received at the first hearing into the design as we developed it over the past month. It's a long process, and we still have to pass local and state permitting, meet the budget and schedule and complete the working drawings and specifications. But I'm extremely pleased with how it's gone so far, and where we are in the process. The students have done an outstanding job, H4H has been great to work with and I think we have a fantastic design."

In general, Heinecken is optimistic about where he sees the Addison county chapter of Habitat

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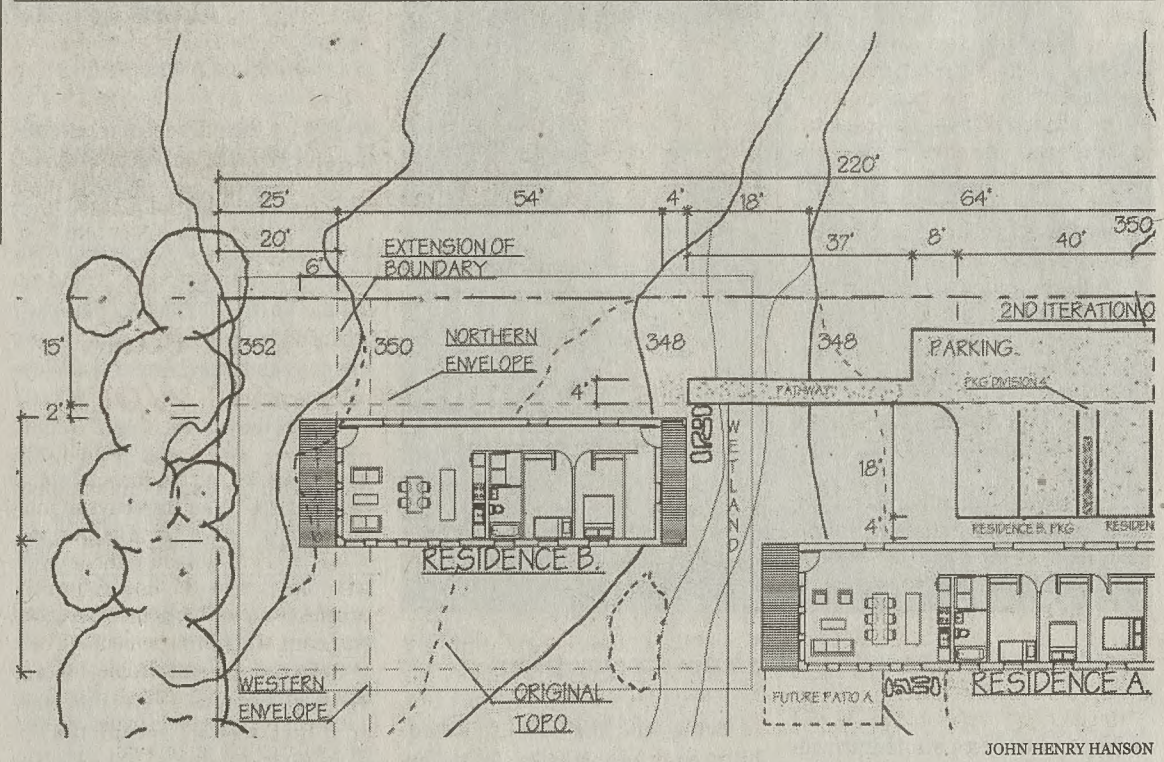


JOHN HENRY HANSON
The proposed site plan designed by students this spring.

Alumni Reflect on Post-Grad Life in Vermont

By KENSHIN CHO
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURY — Standing between the exposed brick walls and raw wooden beams of his office, Evan Deutsch '12.5 began describing his path from graduation to where he now works, at a design agency he co-founded with fellow Middlebury alum Jon Portman '13 four years ago. His story— turning down a consulting job in Boston to work for the College's Center for Creativity, Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship before starting his own company—typified the independent, purpose-driven spirit so entrenched in Vermont culture. And over 2,100 Middlebury alumni share this same spirit, living and working in the state today.

THE BOSTON GLOBE

Brothers Jonny and Benjy Adler at Skinny Pancake.

Vermont seems to have it all. The landscape is captivating, with snow-peaked mountains rising behind stretches of gentle, rolling hills. For the most part, the people are friendly, down to earth. The pace of life appears manageable, far from the rat-race of New York City or Los Angeles.

"The community is amazing, but then when it comes down to filing your taxes, you feel like you're getting screwed a little bit."

But more and more people are leaving, looking for opportunities in bigger cities in different states. Over the past several years, an average of only 35 students from each of Middlebury's graduating classes have stayed.

For most, the choice is simple. Vermont has few opportunities and high costs of living. Large cities, while expensive, bring jobs that pay more and provide clearer possibilities for the future.

And because the decision to stay in Vermont can be difficult, it attracts a certain type of person— community minded, with a strong sense of purpose. More than 500 Middlebury graduates in Vermont surveyed by the CCI work in the education industry, from teachers in rural towns to administrators in more urban districts. Even business owners are mission-driven, running companies that contribute to the community in addition to increasing their profits.

When Oxbow, Deutsch's design agency, began to grow, he directed the company towards fulfilling an agenda of positive social impact. "Okay, we're founding this business, it's becoming successful," he said. "How can we use this as a force for good, that amplifies our impact more than as individuals?"

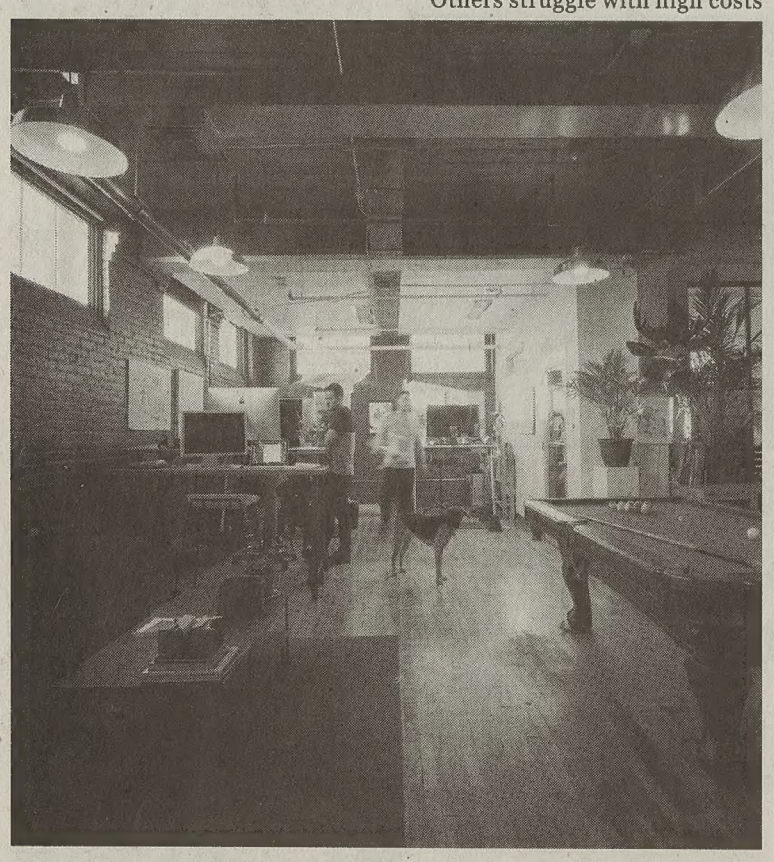
Other alums say the same. "The amazing thing about doing business in Vermont is that social responsibility is part of the genetic code of the way businesses operate. That's just not the case in other states," said Benjy Adler '03.5, founder and owner of The Skinny Pancake franchise.

Principles, like the commitment to local food, are not secondary to Adler's business. Instead, he sees them as essential to making his restaurant successful. "The rest of the country looks to Vermont on how we are pushing the envelope," he said. "To be here and to work on local food means that we are at the center of innovation."

But for all the excitement surrounding Vermont and its culture of authenticity, there are still challenges. Business owners are often deterred by the perception of high taxes and high regulations.

"The community is amazing, but then when it comes down to filing your taxes, you feel like you're getting screwed a little bit," said Deutsch. "But it's a trade-off. We can be in Delaware and not have the community that we have."

Others struggle with high costs of living, and the lack of job mobility and opportunity. With few high-paying positions in Vermont, even people who may not have thought of becoming entrepreneurs find that Vermont forces them to be creative.



OXBOW.CO

The vibrant office space in the graphic design company, Oxbow.

"Looking back on it, I've opted to create my own job more often than not. A lot of that is due to my personality, but there are also fewer job options," said Chris Howell '04, founder of a local food tour company. "It was tough making it work in the beginning— I held other jobs ranging from produce delivery driver to supporting developmentally disabled teens."

Students, perceiving these difficulties, increasingly move away from Vermont, contributing to an outward migration of college graduates and exacerbating the trends of an aging population and stagnant workforce.

To make matters worse, many Vermonters now leave the state after high school. Despite the opportunity of going to schools like UVM, the Vermont State Colleges or Middlebury, over 45% of high school graduates leave the state— and many don't return. While most states depend on their colleges and universities to increase the number of young workers they can attract and retain, Vermont has to invest in other measures.

"We have to try to encourage young people to become part of our community," explains Jim Douglas '72, the former governor of Vermont. Since his time in office, various agencies in the state government have regularly developed incentives to increase the workforce. The current administration, for example, will soon begin a program called "Stay to Stay", setting up vacation weekends that include visits with businesses and realtors.

Colleges, including Middlebury, are also hoping to show students that there are opportunities in Vermont. "Too many students think that there's no jobs. But there are," said Peggy Burns, director of the CCI. "We want to facilitate a path for students to make informed decisions, and I think that Middlebury graduates can contribute to a more vibrant and robust culture here."

At the end of the day, Vermont provides an opportunity unlike any other for those willing to stay.

As Adler explained, "The cold honest truth is, Vermont needs good people. That's not a reason for anyone to choose to stay here, but the companies that are hiring are hungry. There's a shortage, and I certainly appreciate it every time someone chooses to stay in Vermont."

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Jane Lindholm tackled threats to journalism and democracy.

Public Radio Journalist Speaks on Fake News

By NICOLE POLLACK
Contributing Writer

MIDDLEBURY — "We are in a perilous place for journalism right now," said Jane Lindholm, host of Vermont Public Radio's award-winning program Vermont Edition, in this year's Robert van de Velde '75 Memorial Lecture. She laid out the need for greater transparency, diversity of perspectives and less self-righteousness as the only ways to survive this Fake News Era.

Lindholm, a Vermont native who has also worked as a director and producer for NPR, gave the talk, entitled "Objectivity in the Fake News Era," on April 16 in Dana Auditorium.

Prominent politicians on both sides of the ideological divide tell their supporters not to trust "fake news." President Trump's hostility toward CNN, The New York Times, and other news organizations he disagrees with "has become a joke," Lindholm said, but Trump is not the only politician manipulating his supporters. Even Bernie Sanders has disparaged outlets he opposes, she said, including Vermont's alternative weekly newspaper Seven Days, which Lindholm considers a legitimate source.

Such misinformation leaves many Americans unsure who to believe.

"This propensity to discredit an entire organization, or even the entire industry, has been building over the last few years, to what is now a fever pitch," Lindholm said. "Stories are not 'fake news' just because you don't like them. And, frankly, it's not a politician's job to decide what is and what isn't worthy of coverage."

She added that overuse of the phrase "fake news" has left it "essentially toothless."

Lindholm shifted her focus to Lyrebird, a program that claims its users can "create a digital voice that sounds like you with only one minute of audio." The program's generated results still sound somewhat robotic, but Lindholm said that before long, this ability to put words into any mouth will become a potential threat to democracy. Politicians will be able to take back anything they want to unsay — such as Trump's 2016 "Access Hollywood" tape.

Another of Lindholm's concerns is the 11 percent of young Americans who trust The Daily Show and The Colbert Report more than any other television sources. While comedy hosts try to tell their listeners that they are not journalists, they also present skewed versions of current events as apparent facts. In response to a later question, Lindholm acknowledged that comedy can do a better job of reporting specific issues. She does not see any problem with people watching comedy shows, but rather with those shows serving as their sole news sources.

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"Real news is fake, fake news is real, and non-news is legitimate," as Lindholm put it.

She added that on Twitter, no information can be verified in any breaking news situation. A single erroneous Tweet can result in the rapid spread of incorrect information. Today, in a world where 44 percent of all Americans and 74 percent of Republicans think the media is making up stories about Trump, "it is more important than ever to have the facts," she said.

"Diversity" is another word Lindholm said has lost its meaning. She said news organizations need more people with differing backgrounds and perspectives in positions of power. Half of Vermont's households have guns, yet 89 percent of Vermonters, including 82 percent of gun owners, say they support gun restrictions. Lindholm said she doesn't think those voices are heard often enough. She said audiences should feel like they are "not just being spoken about, they are being spoken to."

Yet although organizations must make sure people feel welcome, Lindholm said that they should not necessarily stay neutral. While it is impossible for a journalist to take their own perspective out of reporting, abandoning the point-counterpoint strategy that most journalists employed in the past can lead to deeper, more meaningful conversations.

Lindholm recognized that the prevalence of "fake news" can leave readers struggling to identify legitimate news sources. She offered three criteria that help determine whether a source is reputable.

First, said Lindholm, "Check the source. Do you know it? Do you know its perspective? Do you know whether this is a reported story you're reading, with a byline of somebody whose name you can verify?"

Second, "Do a quick headline keyword source. Are other people reporting this news? Does it seem legit?"

Third, "Is it breaking news, and are you on Twitter? If the answer to either of those things is yes, please add an enormous dose of skepticism to whatever you're reading and do some extra research."

"We need more transparency, we need more diversity of perspective and experience, and we need less of our own self-righteousness if we are going to survive this moment in journalism and in our culture," Lindholm concluded.

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ways that encourage understanding and strive towards solutions."

As a way to work towards their mission after the U.S. withdrew from the Paris climate agreement, ICAN started hosting a "stand up for the Earth" vigil every Saturday morning from 10:30-11a.m. in the town green triangle near the Weybridge church.

"ICAN hopes to create opportunities to allow people to be in touch with the depth dimension of their moral and ethical self in order to care about the earth," said Reverend Daniel Cooperrider, a pastor at Weybridge Church and a member of ICAN. "Gratitude and compassion are two spiritual values we try to operate on."

Middlebury students are actively engaged in the fight against climate change. Last Sunday was just a microcosm of what many students and local organizations do to help protect the environment at the college.

"The tone of the event hopefully inspired all who attended and showed that we are making a difference in protecting our environment," said Jacob Freedman.

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for Humanity going. "There's no place to go but up," he said. "We're now a known entity in the county. And I think that the relationship we've had with the college is a very interesting one and that the administration is very supportive of experiential learning and this architecture class is a classic example of that. We already are certainly involved right now because we have a club at the college and student volunteers, like sports teams, along with others usually assisting in the building parts. So I see the chapter strengthening and look forward to the continued relationship with the college and college students."

Prof. McLeod, too, concluded positively about the partnership between Middlebury and Habitat for Humanity. "This is an incredible opportunity for students to work on a 'real project' and everything that brings with it: real clients; permitting requirements; public opinion; budget limitations; construction issues; and the importance of making something thoughtful, respectful, optimistic and pleasing," he said. "I think it's incredibly important that everyone is working together to create affordable housing in Addison County—and energy-efficient, well designed houses at that—and I hope it continues."

Vermont Restaurant Week

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the state," she said.

The Lobby has been participating in Restaurant Week for three years, and from Cousineau's experience, she believes the second weekend is usually the more highly attended by Restaurant Week customers.

Cousineau is excited to use this Restaurant Week as a testing ground for new menu items, and to receive feedback on the new dishes. One main dish on the prix-fixe menu, Masa-Crusted Cod, will appear on the Lobby's main menu in the next couple of weeks. It comes with a side of garlic mashed potatoes, wilted kale, and gremolata.

Restaurant Week – actually a little longer than a week – wraps up this Sunday, April 28.

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More Students Should Be on the Board of Trustees

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

On April 8, the SGA passed a bill requesting the addition of a second student constituent to the college board of overseers. This initiative arose in response to what the bill identifies as "limited and lacking student representation and consequential engagement with the Middlebury college board of trustees," and aims to increase student involvement in the college's decision-making process.

But the Patton administration has final say in the matter. In the spirit of collective governance, the administration should embrace the plan — but not just stop there. Inside and outside the boardroom, trustees need more points of contact with students, especially when they make decisions that impact the student experience.

Middlebury's governance structure can be confusing, but in short the trustees oversee the institution's long-term health. The board of trustees is split up into three boards of overseers: one for the undergraduate college, one for the language and abroad schools, and one for the Monterey Institute. Several trustees make up the college board of overseers, as well as one faculty member, one staff member and a number of partners.

As it stands, the SGA president serves as the sole student constituent to the college board of overseers enjoys no voting power. This bill aims not only to add a second student, but to grant both the ability to vote. In addition, the board of trustees has six standing committees: prudential, programs, resources, trusteeship and governance, and risk and strategy. If approved, the plan will add student representatives to the programs, risk and strategy standing committees.

On Monday, the editorial board met with the co-authors of the resolution, SGA president Jin Sohn '18 and chief of staff Ish Alam '18 to discuss the value of student constituents.

"Speaking from my own time on the board," Sohn said, "I can attest to the fact that there's not a lot of student representation." Still, she went on to detail how her experiences with trustees have been positive.

"I feel as though they always want the conversation to keep going on," she said, "like they're genuinely interested in what students have to say."

Still, the trustees can always benefit from firsthand input about campus life — input that extends beyond informal meals and into the boardroom itself.

The bill aims to increase the term length of student constituents as well, a smart way to better integrate students onto the board. Under the current system, the SGA president serves on the board for a single year (in other words, for three meetings). Under the new bill, this term would be extended to two years, such that student constituents overlap for a year. This is a sensible solution to ensuring the kind of continuity that faculty and staff constituents already have.

As the bill proposes, students should be better prepared for the processes involved with sitting on the board. They would be able to more effectively establish meaningful relationships with other board members. This is crucial; in the past, Sohn explained, the board has been against having a larger student proxy because board members have to feel comfortable in the room in order to engage in constructive conversations. With longer terms, both board members and students will feel more established in their roles, allowing each to speak freely.

This plan would make students privy to upcoming changes, and thus better able to stand up for student interests when it matters. This is particularly important with standing committees, where many of the ideas which actually come into effect on campus originate. For instance, when the construction of a new temporary building to house the computer science department was first floated, no student was present. Since such a change will affect students' lives, this seems like an unacceptable disconnect.

Voting power is perhaps the most democratic way to give students more say in Middlebury's governance. "There's indisputable value when it comes to having a student in the room," Alam said. While he and Sohn acknowledged that voting power may be a long shot with this administration, we commend the SGA for including the idea. Though it may seem ideal, it's actually feasible. A substantial student voice in college affairs is necessary; even better if it were met with voting power.

The bill specifies the appointment of two student constituents. Indeed, it's difficult to pick two students to stand in for such a diverse student body. We urge the SGA to consider carefully who would best serve as student constituents — students of color, for example, or those who have demonstrated a passion for Middlebury but might not be considered a "typical" student. Also, the two year term might eliminate juniors who want to go abroad. To that end, it might make sense to elect rising seniors, who could serve their last year and then the year after they graduate.

The SGA's plan must be part of a larger project of widening communication channels between the board of trustees and students. This means more frequent events, both informal meals and focused meetings — not only with athletes or first-generation students but a wider sampling of Middlebury students. Before deciding policy on particular issues, like divestment, the trustees could even invite knowledgeable students to present in the boardroom — where the decisions themselves are made.

Finally, we call for more clarity and transparency within the trustees' decision-making process. Adding student constituents to the board is a necessary — and long overdue — first step in putting governance at Middlebury closer to the students, but it should not stop there. We urge the administration to approve the SGA's plan, and to work proactively to increase transparency on all levels between students and trustees.

Making Generalizations

By JIMMY CONBOY

Hi, I'm Jimmy. A straight, white male from a suburb of New Jersey.

My profile is very well-represented at Middlebury, and you may feel that my a perspective like mine does not need more representation in our paper. When I started to write this piece, I thought that I could divorce my profile from my perspective, and I found that, in practice, this was extremely difficult. With this in mind, I hope what I write draws as minimally as possible from my personal profile and approaches a more universal understanding. I hope this piece comes from a place of humanity: this distinction is what I identify with first and foremost.

I want to talk about generalizations. We generalize by taking inferences from specific cases and applying them to everything that fits that case. Sometimes, generalizations are spot-on: physicists are smart, sprinters are fast, musicians are musical. Generalizations unite large numbers of people, often through common characteristics, and help us better understand them as a group. Why do the generalizations I mention hold true in nearly all cases? Because having certain qualities is essentially a precondition to being certain things. One cannot obtain a PhD in Physics without a high capacity for quantitative and theoretical reasoning, nor can one be an Olympic sprinter without having the genetics and superior training to make one faster than everybody else.

But we can generalize where it is not appropriate. This happens by way of taking an insufficient number of specific cases and creating a generalization out of them. These types of generalizations are typically self-serving. They are not true most of the time, but they are true in enough cases so that those with a similar perspective will believe them, and espouse the same generalization. Liberals who call conservatives immigrant-haters and conservatives who call liberals snowflakes have made generalizations about huge groups of people that are largely false.

These types of generalizations tend to develop as the gulf between those with whom we disagree widens. Needless to say, they are everywhere at Middlebury. By the logic of these generalizations, it makes perfect sense to avoid certain people altogether. If I believe in a generalization that says a certain group of people are mean, why would I want to meet them, talk to them, or understand them? I already know all I need to know about them – they are mean, and I want to avoid mean people.

The problem with making such a generalization at Middlebury is that there is no group of students to which you could ascribe a characteristic which should preclude the possibility of understanding them on an individual level. You may disagree strongly with the beliefs or actions of a group of people, but I don't believe that there is any group at Middlebury not worthy of understanding.

I understand that, on a larger scale, this argument may sound too accommodating, too permissive. There are groups of people in the world that, regardless of the individuality of their members, unequivocally spread violence and hate. Should we extend his argument to ISIS, the KKK, and Neo-Nazis, or more generally people that commit terrible crimes?

There is also the reality that racism, sexism, homophobia, and discrimination of all kinds still exist everywhere. Obviously, in this respect I am writing from a compromised perspective: I don't understand the lived experiences of those who are discriminated themselves. It must sound naive to recommend that you shouldn't generalize the same people who constantly generalize you, and cause you pain. But is it better to deflect these generalizations towards other members of our community, or share the pain of being generalized so that it can be understood and ameliorated at Middlebury?

We are individuals first. We are more than any characteristic that one could identify in a single word: gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, politics. If you decide to generalize a group of people based on any of these characteristics, take a moment and consider whether this was, in hindsight, a careful judgement or an easy one. You may find that in most cases we simply did not desire to know more about the people in that group, so we judged them and moved on. The practice, which I will certainly admit to, causes a lack of understanding of the people who form our community.

I think that the solution to this lack of understanding lies in getting to know people as individuals, and refraining from making generalizations about groups of people, be they friend groups, athletic groups, clubs, political groups, etc. You do not have to be friends with everyone, but we are compelled to give everyone the respect and understanding they deserve as a member of this community.

What If...

By SEBASTIAN SANCHEZ

The same police sirens blare out into the air. The same, yellow crime tape is placed around the scene, marking yet another tragedy in American society. The media picks up the same stories.

But that is often where the similarities end.

Police officers seem to have preconceived notions as black and brown people are villainized in the media. Their lives are expendable. My life, in a sense, seems less important than my white counterparts. Here's how...

On February 14th—Valentine's day, an international day of love and affection—a school in Florida was the target of a gruesome, deadly and senseless attack.

It was a safe haven for students, a place to master the disciplines of science and math, English and history; a place they came to develop relationships and one day, hopefully, go to college.

17 students were not going to college; 15 were wounded, left with physical and physiological scars. A community destroyed in a matter of minutes by the hailing bullets of Nikolas Cruz's AR-15.

The details trickled out.

The FBI received a tip last year about a YouTube comment that could have linked suspicious activity to Nikolas Cruz. No actions were taken.

The security guard, trained and armed to respond to this kind of attack, never entered the building to stop the massacre. Instead, he sought cover outside as young teenagers lost their lives.

After leaving a trail of blood and bodies, Cruz discarded his rifle, camouflaging with fleeing students and got away. After escaping, he walked to Walmart, bought a drink at Subway and even stopped at a McDonalds.

He was arrested at 3:41pm, an hour and thirty minutes after his mass murder — one of the deadliest in American history.

Two seconds is how long police officers took to fire on Tamir Rice, a 12-year playing with a toy gun, when they arrived on the scene.

The officer who shot Laquan McDonald 14 times was on the scene less than 30 seconds before opening fire on the young teenger.

After Parkland, the President of the United States said he would work with the nation's governor, tweeting he would "Help secure our schools and [tackle] the difficult issue of mental health..." He made no mention of gun violence.

The same President sits in his oval office twitter fingers twitching, screaming to his followers after a raid on his personal lawyer's office:

"It's a disgrace. It's, frankly, a real disgrace. It's an attack on our country, in a true sense. It's an attack on what we all stand for."

Mr. President, what the actual f*** are you talking about?

Where was your denunciation of Nikolas Cruz and his disgraceful attack against his fellow classmates with an AR-15 that left 17 dead?

Here's another scenario.

Three years ago Dylan Roof opened fire on a historical all-black church in South Carolina. He killed nine in cold-blood. At 9:30pm on June 17th, he walked away from the massacre.

He told authorities that he "had to do it. You rape our women and you're taking over our country and you have to go." He wanted to start a race war. After killing the black church-goers, he calmly walks from the scene.

He was arrested by authorities at a stop light at 10:44 am on June 18th, 245 miles from the scene. No shots were fired. A .45 caliber was found in the car. He was given a bulletproof vest, for his safety. According to several sources, an officer bought him a hamburger because he was hungry.

Looking at these scenarios, I can't help but think of all the black men and women who have died at the hands of police, many of them in custody, while these two criminals continue to live. While they are behind bars, they have the luxury of breathing, eating and sleeping.

If either one of these men were black, Muslim or Latino, they would have been killed instantly. Arresting him "nicely?" That option would never exist. If they were hungry, officers would most certainly not buy them a cheeseburger.

They would be labeled thugs and criminals. Rapists. Bad hombres. Terrorists unfit for American society.

But why?

Well, it's simple.

The treatment of the white body in custody is astonishingly lenient, and in comparison to the treatment of the black of body in custody, it is treated royally. They are two bodies in the same space, with totally different treatment.

If Dylan Roof had been black, he'd probably be gunned down on sight. If Nikolas Cruz was a shade darker, the security guard may have shot him right away. Neither would have been spared, I guarantee you that—police officers have proved my hypothesis correct.

On March 18th, Stephon Clark was not spared.

Calls went out to the Sacramento Police department that someone was breaking windows in the Meadowview neighborhood. Clark, a 22-year old African American man stood in his grandmother's backyard, heading home to his daughters.

Officers emerged unannounced from the depths of darkness. Clark started running. Maybe out of fear.

Police chased him. He turned, hands outstretched. Fearing for their safety, police opened fire. They had been on the scene for less than 20 seconds.

They shot him twenty times.

Twenty Times.

A 21st century execution.

No CPR was administered. For five minutes, he lay on the ground bleeding from eight gunshots wounds. As the life seeped out of him, officers screamed to see his hands. They eventually handcuffed him.

He probably had a weapon on him right?

He did not.

His only "weapon,"a cell phone.

Why couldn't they use a taser? What if they fired once? How about warning shots?

These officers should try to learn from their European counterparts. Most officers across The Pond carry out their duties without a gun. They rely on things that can still subdue a suspect—mace, batons and the occupational Tasers. I even read at times they will throw heavy fishing nets to overpower suspects. Can America's police force control its trigger fingers?

When it comes to black and brown people in America, police officers shoot to kill.

Dylan Roof, who had killed nine people out of hatred and Nikolas Cruz, who opened fire on his classmates, killing 17, were not fired upon once. Both are white.

If he was white, Stephon Clark would likely still be alive. Officers would have asked to see his hands, "slowly get on the ground." If he was white, his daughters would wake up to see him. Instead they are attending his funeral.

If Tamir Rice was white, the police officers would have coaxed the toy gun from his tiny 12-year old hands as he played with it on that wintry, Cleveland day.

If Philando Castile, who was exercising his Second Amendment right, was white, the officer would have respected his right to carry. Castile, explicitly said, "I have a firearm in the glove compartment," and was shot anyways. His girlfriend and her daughter were witnesses of his murder.

If Laquan McDonald was white he almost surely would have been subdued by police officers carefully. Not a single round would have been fired. They'd calmly ask him to the concrete sidewalk. Instead he was shot sixteen times, several bullets penetrating his body as he lay on the ground, the life seeping out of him.

Freddie Gray in 2015 was arrested and placed into custody on a Baltimore street corner. So of course he was treated the same as Dylan Roof and Nikolas Cruz, right?

No. Instead of a safety vest, Freddie Gray was given a broken spinal cord on the way to the police station. He fell into a coma and later died from his injuries.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING

By CHRISTINA BROOK

The Community Council is currently reflecting on the work that has been done throughout the year, and what the council would like to achieve before the end of the year. This has centered around the election cycle as we welcome in Lynn Travinoka to serve as student co-chair in the Fall, and John Gosselin in the Spring. As they transition into their new positions, it is likely that the council will also be transitioning.

The Community Council was founded some years ago in order to bridge the divide between Old Chapel and the other areas of the campus. The intention was to provide a space for conversation among faculty, student, and staff regarding intersecting community-wide issues. The council would then offer recommendations to Old Chapel for policy changes. So far during Laurie Patton's presidency, a number of committees have addressed community-wide issues, such as the Restorative Practices Committee, and Diversity and Inclusion. Thus, the role that the Community Council seemed to play prior to Laurie's tenure is no longer necessarily a priority.

But there still exists many divisions across campus and conversations that require a space where all voices are heard. The Community Council is looking to different ways it can best service that void. Members have put forth recommendations to have Town Hall Meetings be a structural component to the Council, establishing goals and topics to be discussed at the beginning of each semester, and/or creating sub-committees to address key issues before coming together as a council to converse about the intersection.

I will be meeting with Laurie Patton to discuss her vision for Community Council in the future. The Council will continue to develop ideas and implement changes before the end of the academic year.

All members of the College community are invited and encouraged to gather feedback, brainstorm solutions to a problem and present their own concerns, questions or recommendations. Please feel free to contact us at ccouncil@middlebury.edu or attend our weekly meetings on Mondays at 4:30pm in Axinn 104.

SGA Weekly: Show Your Appreciation

By JIN SOHN

Dear MiddKids,

To begin, thank you to all who voted and participated in this year's SGA Elections & Referendum. We had an outstanding turnout: 1,730 out of 2,532 students voted (that's 68 percent, more than voter turnout for national US elections)! Congratulations to all those who have been elected to SGA positions for the coming year!

SGA Cabinet:

Cabinet committees are continuing to work on final initiatives for this year, many of which were mentioned in last week's column. The Cabinet April Monthly Report will be published soon on the SGA website at go/sga (www.middsga.com) under Archives.

SGA Senate:

Topic of the Week: This week, the SGA has decided to focus student engagement and opinions on one topic — staff appreciation. This was decided in light of Staff Appreciation Day coming up on 4/30 (next Monday) and recent discussions about student-staff relations and staff equity at Middlebury. SGA senators will be working to speak with students on this topic and looking for students to submit recorded thank-you videos to staff at go/thankyoustaff. Please show your appreciation and help out!

Both "Resolution in Support of Action Against Systematic, Institutional Racism Resulting in Gun Violence" and "Resolution in Support of Middlebury Students Against Gun Violence" were passed in SGA Senate this past Sunday. Many SGA senators were hesitant for the SGA to release political statements, so certain sections of both bills were amended. Now, both bills will be forwarded to relevant offices on campus including the Admissions Office, General Counsel, Communications Office, Dean of Students, Diversity & Inclusivity Office, Parton Health Center and more to implement. The final versions of these two bills are available on the SGA website. Sponsors of these bills were Deputy Chief of Staff Annie Cowan and President Jin Sohn.

"Proposal for Increase of Student Wellbeing": This bill was once again discussed in Senate. Much of what was stated in last week's column regarding this bill still remains. The bill addresses multiple areas that impact student wellbeing including dining, libraries, the Student Health & Wellness Office and the Faculty Educational Affairs Committee. Further, some of these recommendations may actually be accomplished through other means as well. The draft of this bill is available on the SGA website, and I highly encourage you to take a look and speak with Junior Senator Kailash Raj Pandey, sponsor of this bill, or your senators about your thoughts. Where would you like to see more resources for student wellbeing on campus? The Senate will continue to discuss the bill next week.

Upcoming Events to Keep in Mind:

Staff Appreciation Day is 4/30 (next Monday)! Keep submitting those thank-you video submissions at go/thankyoustaff and volunteer to help out with the Staff Appreciation Dinner at go/signupservestaff. Students can help to set up, serve or clean up. We are also particularly in need of students with babysitting experience and who are interested in helping to babysit at the dinner. Thanks in advance to all those that help!

It Happens Here (IHH) is "an anti-sexual violence campaign that collects anonymous student stories to raise awareness to the frequency and severity of sexual violence on college campuses," and will be on May 1st (next Tuesday) at Wilson Hall, 8 p.m. For story submissions, please check out go/ihh2018/. If you are interested in reading a story at the event, contact Taite Shomo at tshomo@middlebury.edu for more information. SGA SRR is working on more programming that will also take place on May 1st to support IHH, so please keep an eye out for their work!

As always, all past and current bills (including the ones mentioned above) are accessible at go/sga under Weekly Updates and/or Archives. Please continue to reach out to your respective senators or to SGA with any questions, concerns or comments. Also, SGA Senate meetings have been relocated to Axinn 220 for the remainder of the semester. SGA Senate meetings are every Sunday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy the sunshine, and as we approach the final weeks of the semester please remember to take moments for self-care as well!

Jin Sohn is SGA President.

I COVER THE WATERFRONT: On the Movies

By WILL DIGRAVIO

If I walk at a brisk pace and have the right song playing on Spotify, I can get there in eight minutes. I take one left, one right, and cross the street. I go there when I am stressed and in need of a break, when I want to temporarily trade our world for a new one. I could only be talking about one place: the movies. More specifically, our very own Marquis Theater in the heart of downtown Middlebury.

For those who have yet to visit, the Marquis has two theaters; one downstairs and one upstairs. The upstairs theater is smaller and more intimate, with a few dozen seats and a slanted wooden floor that brings you to the front row, which is so close to the screen you can almost reach out and touch it. The downstairs theater is larger, with more seats and a hodgepodge of couches and armchairs spread throughout for moviegoers to enjoy a film in complete comfort. The snacks are good too. There is popcorn, candy, soda, a bar, and a small restaurant serving Mexican cuisine.

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about how important the movies are, not only to those of us who study and write about film, but to our society. In a time where we all are on our devices nonstop, always able to be contacted by our employers, family and friends, the movies may be our final refuge from the responsibilities and stresses of everyday life. (Unless, of course, you're a professional film critic.)

I was thinking about this a couple of weeks ago, as I attended a screening (not at the Marquis) of Jean Renoir's The Rules of the Game. Prior to the screening, I had worked at my job, ate a quick dinner, and co-led this paper's editorial meeting. As I made my way to the screening, I was thinking about the homework I had yet to start, of the applications that had yet to be completed, and of the interview I had the following day. But, as the lights dimmed and Renoir's masterpiece began to play, the mental to-do list faded away, and as it did, I thought to myself, "Man, how lucky am I to be at the movies?"

There are many places folks often go to temporarily seek refuge from the responsibilities of everyday life: the gym, a restaurant, a sports game, the park, a drive around town, the pages of a novel. But even at those places, the cell phone's allure is difficult to resist; the ping of a push notification is constant, CNN is always on one of the TVs behind the bar, and the sight of everybody else on their phone/tablet/computer serves as a constant reminder of all you have yet to do. The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that the movies are our final refuge from the aforementioned reminders of daily life. Sure, one could see a play or ballet, or go camping or hiking if you're in a rural area, but those are not as accessible to the masses as the movies. For the most part, they are not places one can go on a whim and budget.

And that is why I love the Marquis. On a rainy day, or in between studying, I will often walk down there and forget my responsibilities for a couple of hours. It is there where I saw most of this year's Oscar nominees, where I skipped class to attend a screening of I Am Not Your Negro, cohosted by a local racial justice organization, and where I saw a group of friends race to see the new Star Wars as soon as they were able. What makes the Marquis even more therapeutic than a corporate theater chain is not just the couches, armchairs, and throwback décor, but the sense of community it embodies. When you walk into a movie theater, you're walking into a new world with a group of people, all of whom have willingly signed up to go on this mission and leave society and their technology (hopefully) behind for a couple hours. Where else does this happen today?

A couple weeks ago, Steven Spielberg made headlines when he said that Netflix movies should not be eligible for Academy awards. His comments came at the same time the Cannes Film Festival barred Netflix films from competition. I agree with both decisions.

Each year, the old and better ways of filmmaking and exhibition occur less and less. The rise of streaming and digital formats have made the movies less exciting, and give moviegoers even less of an incentive to leave the house. Why drive to the movies and pay money when you could sit on your couch and watch almost anything for a fraction of the price? The answer: the experience.

In 2018, the movies are more than just a place where cows go when it rains, they are our final refuge from the obligations of existence. We should visit them more.

Will DiGravio is the managing editor of this paper.

An Outsider's Take on Guns in America

By KAITLYN FRANCIS

The liberty to own a gun takes away the liberty of so many others. So far in 2018 there have been 7 firearm attacks during school hours across the United States (CNN). Americans own 48 percent of civilian-owned guns worldwide (CNN). There is an average of 89 firearms per 100 people in the United States (CNN).

In the wake of the Parkland shooting, I am thinking about Denver, Orlando and Sandy Hook, among others —: all incidents after which nothing happened to prevent the next. While these shootings do reignite the ongoing debate about gun control, they also seem to increase demand for guns. Since the Sandy Hook shooting, 25 states have passed or introduced legislation to allow a handgun to be carried in public without a permit (The Atlantic). Congress has continually failed to pass universal background checks. When the Center for Disease Control and Prevention attempted to declare gun violence a public health issue, Congress prohibited the organization from using federal money to research gun violence (Washington Post).

America is a global outlier in the sense that no other nation has widespread gun violence. In 1996, a firearm massacre occurred in Australia. This tragic event was followed by massive gun law reform, which resulted in a decade free of mass shootings and a decline in both homicides and suicides involving firearms (Vox). Australia shows that the issue of gun violence is clearly correlated with a constitutional right to bear arms and the resulting gun culture.

I grew up in Toronto, Canada. The topic of guns was non-existent — I don't even know a single person who owns a gun. On a fundamental level, I do not understand why Americans insist on owning guns; whether it be for recreation or protection, I think it is absurd.

After living in Vermont for three years I have come to learn that guns are part of American culture. My new friends grew up with guns, they claim that "guns are fun";" some say their families enjoy hunting. Guns hold significant sentimental meaning to many Americans; those who served in the military might own a gun that they used and want to keep. I understand that the majority of gun holders in the U.S. are not violent — they own guns for hunting and sporting activities. It follows, then, that they are the ones who feel that they are unjustly punished for someone abusing the second amendment and will speak up to protect their constitutional right.

My friends insist that while they support the second amendment, they still think there should be tighter regulations and background checks. The way I see it, this would not solve anything. In 2016, 79 percent% of gun crimes were perpetrated using a firearm owned by someone else (Washington Post). Whether it be through taking a gun from someone else or buying a gun privately or at a gun show, guns would likely come into unregistered hands regardless of tighter regulations.

The argument of owning guns for protection baffles me: you do not need a gun for protection if no one else has a gun. I feel safest at home in Canada, where I do not have a gun and I know that no one else around me does either. Despite popular belief, increased gun ownership is actually correlated with increases in gun deaths: gun prevalence causes more violence than it prevents. Moreover, the law that a gun must be stored in a safe defeats the entire purpose of owning a gun for protection: if someone is attacking you, you don't have time to fiddle with a lock and get your gun out of the safe.

"Guns are fun" and Americans do not want to give up their right to own them. Having not grown up with guns, it is hard for me to see them as anything but terrifying. Americans are fascinated by guns — something I will never understand. With this obsession in mind, it seems like the pro-gun argument is an excuse that hinges on the selfish desire to continue owning guns.

In Canada, to obtain a firearm there is a mandatory in-person class to get a hunting license, which allows one to purchase a hunting rifle. While many Canadians do in fact own guns for hunting, we lack the culture associated with American guns. Under no circumstances could a civilian purchase a semi-automatic or automatic weapon, because under no circumstances would a civilian need these weapons. The reasoning behind why someone in the U.S. would want a gun is very complex, but given that nobody needs a gun, the only reason I can think of as to why Americans want a semi-automatic or automatic gun is because they like them.

Given that the model of not bearing arms is clearly very effective, as proven by every other developed nation, why then can America not seem to move towards a safer society? 7 firearm attacks at schools so far in 2018 say it is time to do away with the second amendment — enough talk about tighter regulations and background checks. I am taking a very strong stance here; I recognize that. But outside of America, this opinion is pretty standard. I understand there is a greater cultural significance here, but it is time to give up guns for the greater good of society.

America's underlying foundation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness has given many a sense of entitlement with regards to the liberty to own a gun. Many gun owners see gun reform as a threat to their liberty. But where is the liberty to feel safe? Children should have the liberty to feel safe in their classrooms. Friends should have the liberty to feel safe at the mall and the movie theatre.

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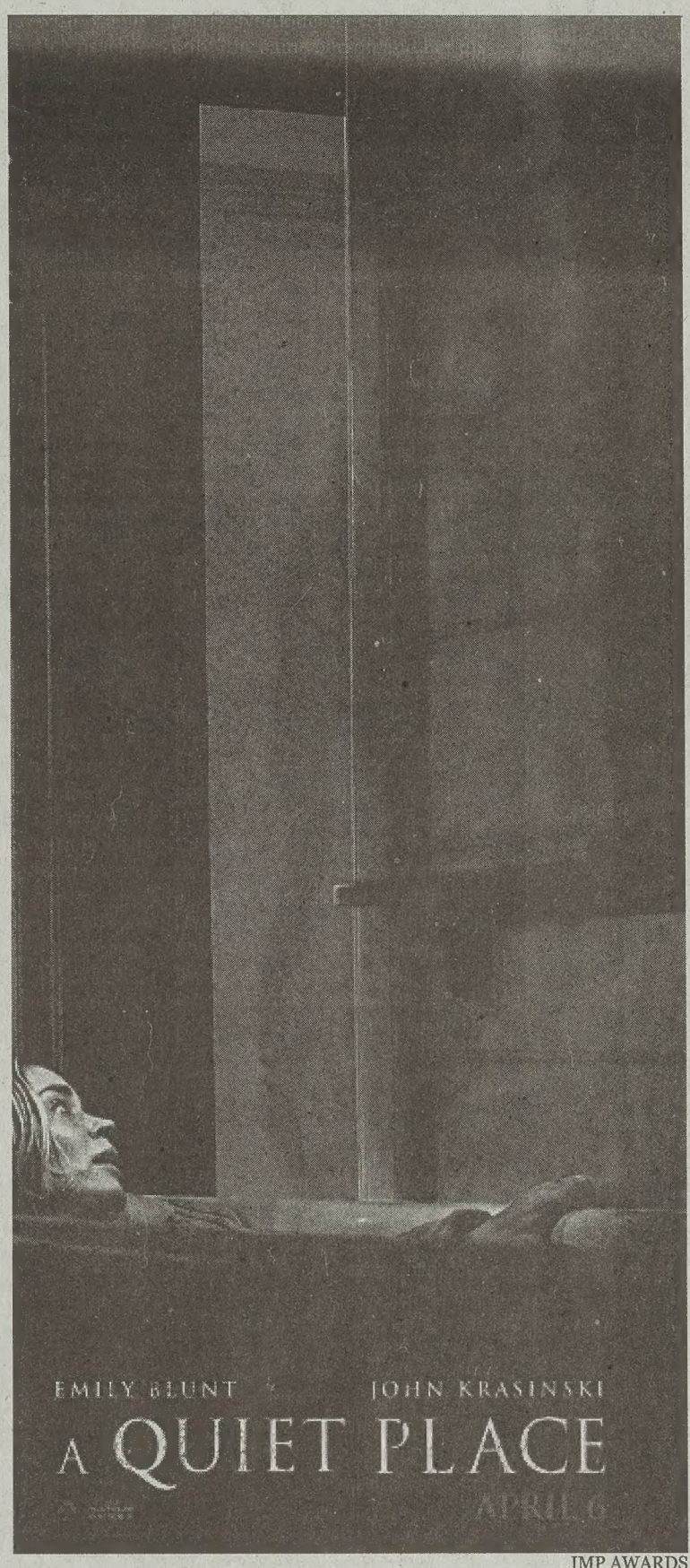
Reel Critic: "A Quiet Place"

By DEVIN McGRATH-CONWELL
Senior Columnist

We seem to be living in the midst of a horror renaissance. In the past few years, we have been graced with critical and audience darlings such as "The Conjuring" (2013) and "The Babadook" (2014), and in just the past year the likes of "Get Out" (2017) and "It" (2017) have taken pop culture by storm. Horror has always served as wonderful thermometer for Americans' cultural anxieties. Since these movies started to appear in earnest, the American public has had much to be anxious about, from heightened awareness of terrorist activity to a tumultuous election cycle. It is the tension from these fears and frustrations that no doubt inspires such horror on the big screen. Many of them feature truly visionary filmmaking which pushes the edges of both the horror genre and filmmaking writ large. Enter "A Quiet Place" (2018).

Directed by, written by and starring John Krasinski, "A Quiet Place" takes place in a post-apocalyptic world circa 2020. Few details are given about the circumstances which have pushed the world into disarray, but the vague facts we can pin down are these: a meteor of some sort landed and from the meteor a breed of monster has fanned out to hunt anything that lives. The brilliant caveat of these beasts is that they are completely blind, relying entirely on an elevated sense of sound to hunt. Lee (Krasinski), Evelyn (Emily Blunt), and their children live in the midst of this insanity, carving out a self-reliant existence on a family farm in a rural town. Within minutes of the film's opening, their youngest son Beau (Cade Woodward), meets a ruthless end when he presses a button on the toy space shuttle he is playing with, which sets off a series of buzzes and beeps. The noise alerts a nearby creature who snaps him up before Lee can save him. From this point, we jump about a year into the future where the husband, wife and the two remaining children, Regan (Millicent Simmonds) and Marcus (Noah Jupe), grapple with the grief of losing a family member while just trying to survive.

The idea of a family surviving in a post-apocalyptic world is not a revolutionary narrative by any means, but how the film toys with the presence of sound sets it apart. Because these creatures hunt using sound, it constrains the amount of noise that any of the characters can make, and Krasinski and the sound mixers lean on this heavily. For instance, the family pours sand along the walkways they use around the house and walk only in bare feet to avoid making noise. Within the old farmhouse, there are patches of gray paint on the safe spots on the floor, spots one assumes have come from an enormous amount of trial and error, stepping on all the squeaky floorboards. Under the barn is the space that the family has converted into a home, insulated with layers of paper and a mattress thrown over the entrance to mediate any accidental sound that comes from within. The result is that any time one of them makes a noise, such as when Marcus knocks over a lamp in the midst of a game of Monopoly, it feels amplified beyond compare. We are brought so intently into this near-silent world that the terrified reactions which accompany any accidental sound seem completely believable, and it seemed to me that every person in the theater was holding their breath just as intently as the characters, wondering if that sound would be their last.



IMP AWARDS
"A Quiet Place" explores the lengths that parents go to in order to protect their children in the face of danger.

As the character most tightly connected to silence, Simmonds emerges as the magnetic center of the film. Simmonds is actually deaf, something that carries over into her performance as Regan. Most of the communication between the family members is done through sign language, subtitled for the viewer, and Regan's deafness makes the signing seem an integral part of the family as opposed to a quick fix to help with communication. The entire cast possess wonderfully expressive features and exercises a precise control of their bodies to emulate the emotions they are feeling in such an expressive way that I never found myself wishing they would speak more, much in the same way as Sally Hawkins' performance in "The Shape of Water" (2017). But it is Simmonds who I found myself drawn to again and again. It is her expression when Beau is killed, frozen in grief and terror, that resonated throughout the film. Furthermore, it is her guilt over having given Beau the toy that lead to his death and the perceived blame from her father, that motivates her throughout the movie. She desperately wants to prove herself to Lee and her brother wants nothing more than to stay away from the outside world, while their mother quietly keeps the peace amongst them all. At one point, Lee forces Marcus to go fishing with him even though the boy is terrified, while Regan begs to be taken along. Within this exchange we see the tension surrounding the gendered expectations of the children and the spectre of residual resentment on Lee's part from Regan's part in Beau's death. All the while, Evelyn stands by to pick up the pieces when the fight has ended. It is the portrait of a family that could be painted onto any scenario, examining the fault lines that run between us all. Yet, here they also happen to live in a world that wants to make communicating all the more complicated.

When we are experiencing the world through Regan, the sound is completely turned off. We are brought into her personal interactions with the world as the movie imitates the silence which makes up her life. At times, it is incredibly poignant, such as when she visits Beau's grave and we are resultantly entirely focused on the pictures and mementos she is seeing. Other times, it is terrifying, as we can see a creeping creature that she cannot hear. We are terrified for a threat she is completely unaware of, that we know she will never hear coming. In other films there is the chance something could alert a character to the threat, but here we can only hold our breath and hope. Krasinski insisted on casting a deaf actress in the role of his daughter to make sure that the true experience of being deaf was presented with nuance and care. His casting alongside the decision to build the sound design around her, by helping the viewer experience the world just as she does, is the most inspired choice of the movie.

While Krasinski as a director falls prey to an arsenal of familiar jump scares, and while the parents' concern for the safety of their children is a compelling if tired narrative, the assemblage of set pieces and path towards family reconciliation that he puts together in the back half of the film make up for any less than original stretches in the first half. It is the film's sensitivity to sound design which results in a family besieged by silence that make the second half of the film some of the most effective building of tension I've experienced in a movie. I will not elaborate on the final forty-five minutes because one of the true joys of watching this film is being scared out of your wits as you watch the characters desperately try to stay alive. I would hate to knock any of the air out of some truly innovative direction which left myself and the friends I was seeing the movie with squeezing all the feeling out of each others' hands. It is a taught and lean thriller with nothing extra to bog it down, and while it may not tout the allegorical heft of "Get Out" or "The Babadook," it is a profoundly effective bit of horror filmmaking.

4.48 Psychosis Explores Peculiarities of Human Mind

By MONIQUE SANTOSO
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On Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21, the Hepburn Zoo Theatre transformed into Sarah Kane's "4.48 Psychosis," widely thought of as her suicide note, for Roxy Adviento's '18 senior work and Stephen Chen's Intermediate Independent 500-level lighting project.

The play was Kane's last and its initial production began posthumous at the Royal Court in 2000. In 2016 an operatic adaptation commissioned by the Royal Opera and written by British composer Philip Venable was staged at the Lyric Hammersmith.

The play is sequenced in elliptical fragments, fractured and emotionally lacerating, portraying a mind on the brink of a suicidal episode, raging against physicians who do not (and will not) understand. However, it is more than just Kane's last play. It is also, according to Adviento, "about a universal pain and it's varying intensities shared among us all. It's a fight for sanity and an overwhelming need for genuine connection."

Unlike a conventional play, which includes scenes and acts to demonstrate its transition, the progression of this play was demonstrated through "-------". Adviento explained that it was this lack of transition, characters and stage direction that drew her in to direct the play for her senior thesis.

The play begins with Caleb Green '19 sitting through a psychiatric meeting. He looks distraught and in pain, yet still is bombarded with questions. The play progresses to tell a story of four people, playing the various parts of a single character with blurring lines of reality.

Over the span of 75 minutes, the characters deal with contemplations and discussions of suicide and lack of hope. Although the play lacks strict narrative and timeline, desires of the depressed mind come to surface. The longing for love and understanding and the lack of them from society take a toll on the characters' life. They seek solace in different channels from religion to medication to love, yet fail in finding it.

"4.48 Psychosis" represents a time in her life when Kane was in her depressive state, a time when the brain's chemical imbalance peaks, when she was visited by depression as well as sobering clarity. The pain emulates a striking journey inside a beautiful but tortured soul. It was saddening to see that irrespective of the treatments she received, she was beyond help and had made up her mind on suicide.

"This play is more than about the ongoing abyss of misery and sadness," said costume designer Mary Baillie '18. Undoubtedly, the lyrics and dialogue of the play were carefully weighed and added a lyrical effect to the play. The action of sharing clothes of the characters symbolically represents not only "the same person and her distinct identities," said Baillie but also how the way that individuals grieve is so codependent.

The most jarring scene was perhaps the end, where the characters reveal their determination, not to get better, but to commit suicide: "Please don't cut me up to find out how I died, I'll tell you how I died, one hundred lofepramine [...] slit, hung, it is done." However, this is contrasted with the last line of the play: "please open the curtains." This line could be seen as the production opening the curtains at the end to allow a new play to take to take the stage. It signifies how in the broader context of our lives, we need to be able to find positivity in the face of depression and dependency.

The show's leaflets contained a poem by Mary Oliver, entitled "Wild Geese" for a different perspective, offering audiences advice on how to live a worthwhile life. Irrespective of the loneliness that one faces, one simply needs to look outside to see that nature, a living entity, encompasses them and that they have a place amongst everything in this world, no matter the troubles that come with finding it. Overall, this play functions as not only a critique on mental health and its institutions, but also a reminder to find hope in struggling times and to remember that the world around us is still welcoming, even in bleak situations.

JOHN SCHURER
"4.48 Psychosis" focuses around themes of depression and lack of hope.

DON'T MISS THIS

Steven Isserlis, Cello; Richard Egarr, Harpsichord
The internationally acclaimed duo opens the eighth Middlebury Bach Festival playing sonatas by Boccherini, Scarlatti, Handel, and Bach. A Bach Festival and Nelson Series event. Tickets: $28/22/6
4/27 Friday, 8-10 p.m., Robison Concert Hall. $28/22/6.

Stargazing at Mittelman Observatory
A variety of interesting stars, star clusters, and nebulae will also be visible through the Observatory's telescopes. The Observatory includes a 24-inch telescope in a dome and smaller telescopes on the roof.
4/27 Friday, 9-10:30 p.m., McCardell Bicentennial Hall Observatory. Free.

Film Screening of "Human Flow"
This epic film by renowned artist Ai Weiwei is a detailed and heartbreaking exploration of the global refugee crisis. Captured over the course of a year in 23 countries, the film follows a chain of urgent stories that stretches through Afghanistan, Greece, Iraq, Kenya, Mexico, Turkey, and beyond. Live webcast with the artist starts at 4:30, screening of the film begins at 5:30.
4/29 Sunday, 4:45-8 p.m., Wilson Hall. Free.

April in Review

Midd Masti Spring Show

Final performance of the year pays tribute to graduating seniors.

SILVIA CANTU BAUTISTA/THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS

Midd Masti's Spring show on March 21 was titled "Ekta," and dance group members brought the audience together through teaching them some dance steps for the final act.

Joey Bada$$ Concert

MCAB's Spring Concert attracts large crowds in Kenyon Arena

JOHN SCHURER

Boogie and Dessy Hinds opened for Joey Bada$$ at MCAB's Spring Concert on April 14.

Parker Merrill Competition

Paige Guarino '18 crowned champion in annual speech contest

JOHN SCHURER

Six finalists developed speeches centered around "Words of the Wise" and competed in Robison Hall on April 19.

The Librarian Is In

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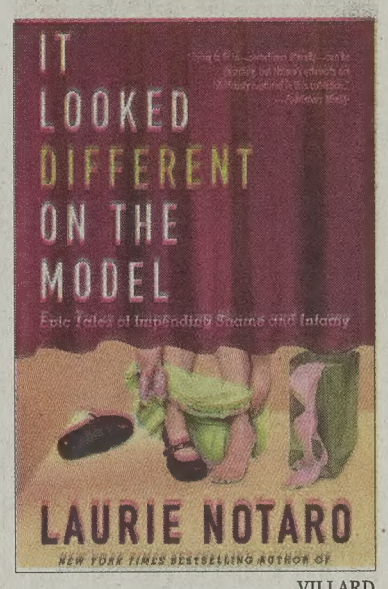

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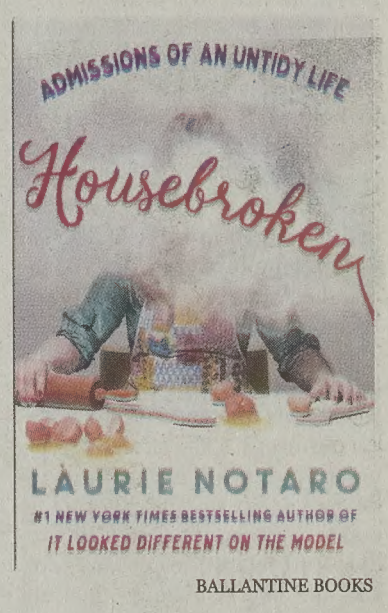
ADMISSIONS OF AN UNTIDY LIFE
Housebroken
LAURIE NOTARO
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
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218 and 270 pages

THE WHAT

New York Times best-selling author Laurie Notaro is a humorist whose books consist of a hilarious series of vignettes, written in the first person, about life's daily events, encounters, humiliations or seemingly mundane matters like a trip to the Waffle House with her nephew. She pokes fun at everything and everyone, including family, friends and neighbors, but mainly she is the butt of most of her jokes (and oh, she'd have fun with that noun).

How does her husband's discovery of a jar of peanut butter nine years beyond the expiration date lead to musings on the apocalypse and who will be on her survival team? Her advice: "...do not allow vegans onto your Survival Team unless it is for the specific purpose of possibly consuming them later on if things turn super shitty." What happens when her father joins Facebook, thinks her photos of meals she had already eaten were disgusting, then suddenly unfriends her? ""Those were ironic', I said almost shouting. 'I'm an anti-foodie. It's supposed to be gross...'" And sometimes she simply writes about tragedies, such as the Great Twinkie Famine of 2012, when the original Hostess Twinkie went extinct. When her husband comes home and discovers she had left the oven on, leaving "the aroma of a chicken that I had not only broiled but also cremated in my oven," he asks "'What's all of this white stuff? Please tell me it's house dandruff and that you weren't trying to make crystal meth.'" And what is it like when she returns to stay with her parents for a week? When her conservative father asks her over breakfast about "'that President of yours [who] doesn't seem to be able to cough up his birth certificate,'" she replies, "'Dad'", I said, my eyes still half closed, being that I had been awake for eight minutes. "'I don't even have a bra on yet. Maybe we should save the birther debate for Mid-Morning Snack Time.'" About those X-ray scanners TSA uses that can see through your clothes "...get an eyeful. Drink it in, my friend. No, that's no loincloth, those are the panties I save for Midol days, with the torn waistband and an aggressive stubbornness that OxiClean couldn't conquer." If this isn't your kind of humor, or you are easily offended, maybe this isn't the writer for you.

THE WHY

Everyone needs a good laugh and her self-deprecating wit, sarcasm, irreverence and sometimes politically incorrect or gross humor is a good distraction from the more serious side of life, or at least a good way to procrastinate when you really should be reading Plato, cleaning your room or doing other more important things. Don't have time to read a whole novel or memoir? Each chapter stands alone, so dive in anywhere and enjoy. And if this leaves you wanting more of her books, just use go/request/ and let us know which of her other books you'd like to see in the library, such as I Love Everybody (and Other Atrocious Lies), We Thought You Would Be Prettier: True Tales of the Dorkiest Girl Alive, and many other of her books we do not yet own.

SGA Earth Day Fair

JOHN SCHURER

The SGA hosted an Environmental Fair for Earth Day on April 22 in Wilson Hall.

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Baseball Walks Off Not Once, But Twice

MICHAEL BORENSTEIN

Panthers Win Four Straight to Regain Footing

By JENNY LANGERMAN

The baseball team walked away with four wins this past week, beating the Skidmore Thoroughbreds on the road on Wednesday, April 18, and then sweeping Bowdoin in a three-game series on home turf on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

Middlebury picked up a win in non-conference midweek action against Skidmore last Wednesday, coming up with a 5–1 win. The Panthers scored early in the game, putting up two runs in the first inning, and then tacked on one in each of the third, fifth and seventh innings. Skidmore was held to just one run, which came in the fourth inning.

Justin Han '20 led the charge, getting on base all five of his times at the plate and finishing the day with three singles, two walks and four of the team's five runs.

This all-star caliber performance is nothing new from the sophomore infielder, as he leads the team in almost every offensive category. Han has teams highs with 25 runs, 28 hits and 15 RBI's, and boasts an impressive .373 batting average and a whopping .510 on-base percentage.

"My goal for this season was to provide offensive production and be consistent in the field making defensive plays," says Han.

His offensive movement has been key to the team's success this year and certainly has not gone unnoticed.

"Justin Han has been integral to our team, as expected. Stealing bases and racking up the hits, he is incredibly consistent and such a fun guy to play with," said Hayden Smith '20.

On the mound, Colby Morris '19 allowed only one run on six hits while striking out four. This junior captain's consistency has been crucial to the Panthers' defense this season. With nine pitching appearances under his belt thus far, seven of which he started, Morris has managed to strike out 41 of his opponents — a team-high.

Senior Captain Rob Erickson '18 is also worth noting. Against the Thoroughbreds he tallied three strikeouts and gave up just two hits over three innings. After last weekend's Bowdoin series, Erickson tails only Morris in many pitching categories thanks to his efforts over eight appearances.

The Panthers then returned home to face their third Nescac opponent of the year, Bowdoin. Middlebury saw the Polar Bears on Friday, April 21, in the first of the teams' three-game series. After falling behind 4–0, Middlebury clawed its way back to take a 6–5 lead, which the Panthers extended to as many as three runs. But Bowdoin responded, getting within one run twice, before tying the game at 10 in the top of the ninth inning.

In the bottom half of the inning, Middlebury quickly took away any doubt of the result. They loaded the bases with one out, and Smith finished the game off by singling home Han.

"My reaction to the walk-off was pure happiness," Smith said afterwards. "There's nothing that gets me more fired up than being the guy that wins the game for my team, and Saturday was the ultimate display of that. And the team was fired up too — it was a spark plug for our bench and our offense, I think. And my mindset was to hit the ball hard. I knew I was the guy to deliver right here, and I embraced the moment. Saw my pitch and put my best swing on it."

The Panthers saw the Polar Bears again the next day for a doubleheader, both games of which ended in Middlebury's favor.

While the Bears came out strong in the first game, scoring two runs right off the bat, Middlebury answered with a pair of runs off a single up the middle from captain Sebastian Sanchez '18 to tie the score up at two all. Neither team scored until the sixth inning, when miscommunications between the Panthers' defense allowed the Polar Bears get some insurance runs across the plate. Bowdoin tacked on one more in the seventh, but the Panthers rivaled it with three runs in bottom of the inning, closing the game with a 5-4 victory. Henry Strmecki '21, Han and Brooks Carroll '20 led the team with strong performances at the plate.

The Panthers came out even stronger in the second game of the day, shutting out the Polar Bears for a 3–0 win. Erickson put the team on his right shoulder in the shutout, striking out four Polar Bears while allowing only four hits through seven innings.

Jake Dianno '21 was big for the Panthers with the bat in his hand, the highlight of the weekend for him being a second-inning shot to right field that sailed over the fence for his first home run at the collegiate level.

"It was an awesome experience, and it was just great to be able to come through for my team," said an excited Dianno.

Though the Polar Bears threatened to answer in the fifth inning, Middlebury held them to no score and tacked on two more with runs in the bottom of the sixth to seal the deal.

The Panthers' success was a much-needed confidence booster. Before last week, the team held a 6–13 record and was coming off a tough series loss to Wesleyan and another non-conference loss to Southern Vermont. The past week has turned that around.

Middlebury's sights are still set high on the conference championship, and the team feels this is definitely a step in the right direction and a confirmation of their ability.

"[Bowdoin] left us with an incredible amount of confidence and proof that we have the talent and capability to find ways to win games," Han said.

"I really like how the team is performing. We have momentum and confidence going into a very important series against Hamilton this weekend," Han added. His confidence moving forward is shared by Dianno.

"This sweep was a great way to get us going heading into our weekend at Hamilton," Dianno said.

After some non-conference midweek action, the Panthers head to Hamilton for a big road series this weekend.

MICHAEL BORENSTEIN

Sebastian Sanchez sizes up a pitch in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader. Sanchez singled in two of Middlebury's five runs in its 5–4 walk-off victory.

SCOREBOARD

As of Tuesday

MEN'S LACROSSE

Standings

School	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	8-1	12-2
Tufts	8-1	12-1
Wesleyan	8-1	11-2
Williams	6-3	8-6
Conn. College	5-4	10-4
Bowdoin	4-5	8-5
Middlebury	4-5	8-6
Bates	3-6	7-7
Colby	3-6	6-6
Trinity	1-8	4-9
Hamilton	0-10	1-13

Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Nescac Quarterfinals

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Standings

School	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	8-1	13-1
Middlebury	8-1	12-2
Tufts	7-2	11-3
Bowdoin	6-3	11-3
Trinity	6-3	10-4
Wesleyan	5-4	9-5
Colby	3-6	8-6
Hamilton	3-7	5-9
Bates	2-7	7-7
Williams	2-7	6-8
Conn. College	0-9	4-10

Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
NESCAC Quarterfinals

BASEBALL

Standings

West

School	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	6-2	17-8
Wesleyan	5-4	17-10
Williams	4-5	8-15
Hamilton	3-5	14-14
Middlebury	2-4	10-13

East

School	Conf.	Overall
Bates	6-3	13-12
Tufts	6-3	15-11
Trinity	7-5	13-13
Bowdoin	4-5	11-16
Colby	1-8	5-18

Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
Middlebury at Hamilton, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Middlebury at Hamilton, 12 p.m.
Middlebury at Hamilton, 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
Trinity at Middlebury, 1 p.m.
Trinity at Middlebury, 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 1
Union at Middlebury, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Standings

West

School	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	7-1	23-5
Williams	9-3	26-6
Middlebury	3-6	16-10
Wesleyan	2-6	14-13
Hamilton	2-7	11-19

East

School	Conf.	Overall
Tufts	8-2	23-7
Bowdoin	9-3	24-8
Trinity	6-3	17-11
Bates	2-7	17-13
Colby	0-9	2-24

Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
Wesleyan at Middlebury, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Wesleyan at Middlebury, 12 p.m.
Wesleyan at Middlebury, 2 p.m.

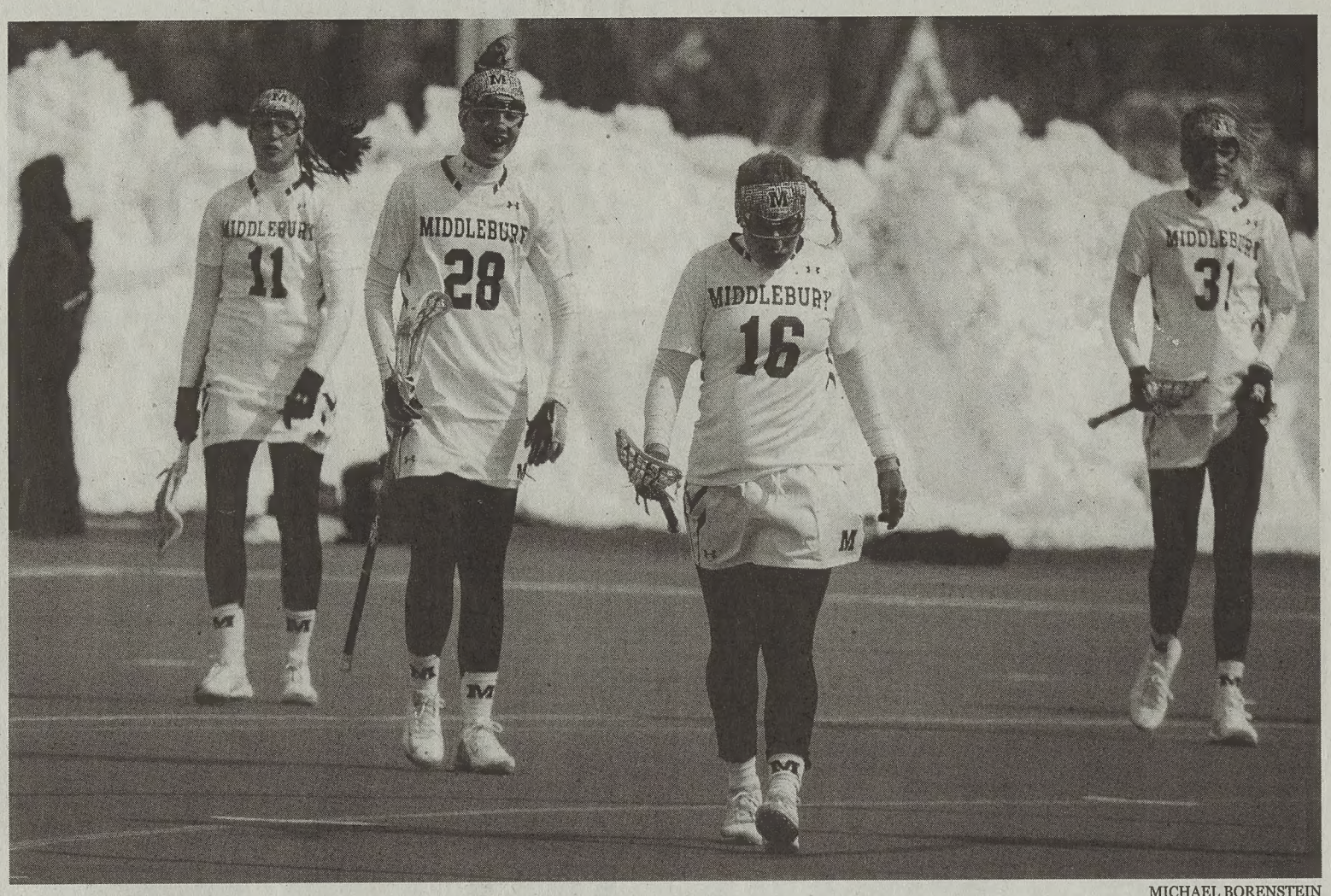
WOMEN'S TENNIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
Middlebury at Amherst, 1:00 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
Amherst at Middlebury, 1 p.m.

The Comeback Kids of Women's Lacrosse



MICHAEL BORENSTEIN

For the second time in as many games, the women's lacrosse team erased a halftime deficit to defeat a top-10 opponent, outscoring No. 8 Tufts 10–1 in the second half en route to a 15–10 victory on Saturday, April 21.

By HEATHER BOEHM

The women's lacrosse team loves to grind out wins in the second half, almost as much as they love keeping their fans on the edge of their seats. And, this weekend, they definitely gave their fans an emotion-filled 60 minutes of play, when they fought past Tufts and Hamilton to secure two crucial Nescac victories.

The Panthers opened the weekend by coming from behind to defeat No. 8 Tufts 15–10 on Saturday, April 21, the second game in a row in which they came back against a top-10 opponent. They closed out the weekend by charging past Hamilton 20–11 at Kohn Field on Sunday, April 22.

With the two wins, Middlebury vaulted past Tufts in the conference standings into a tie with Amherst for first place. If the Panthers won at Williams on Wednesday, April 25, after the newspaper went to print, they won the Nescac regular-season championship and earned the top seed in the conference playoffs.

The Panthers were in high spirits as Vermont hinted at its first signs of spring this Saturday, with sunny 50-degree temperatures. This energy translated onto the field, but it was only after a slow start that the Panthers truly dominated.

Tufts came out firing, scoring five of the first six goals of the competition to take a 5–1 lead 15 minutes into Saturday's game. The scoring started almost five minutes into the game, when Dakota Adamec stole the first goal off a free-position shot. After Tufts doubled their score, Emma McDonagh '19 netted her first of five goals, narrowing her team's deficit by one.

But Tufts came right back, driving home three goals in just over six minutes to take that large early lead. On their home field, where they had not lost all season, and with a four-goal lead, the Jumbos had the Panthers on the ropes early on.

Middlebury countered two straight goals, but Tufts quickly discounted those goals and then some by tallying four of the next five goals to build what would their largest lead of the contest, 9–4.

McDonagh gave Middlebury some momentum going into the halftime locker room by scoring her second goal with 3:34 left in the half, and Tufts led 9–5 at halftime.

For the third game in a row, Middlebury trailed at halftime, and the four-goal deficit was the largest of the three.

"KP (Coach Kate Livesay) always calls us the second-half team," said Hayden Garrett '20. "We've really embraced it, because we know we can make a comeback or increase our lead going into the next 30 minutes of play. But our goal for this week, going into Nescacs, is to transform [ourselves] into a two-half team. We know we are capable of this because being a second-half team also tells us that we can outlast anyone — we are confident and fitter than our competition. But this also tells us that we should be able to do this right from the first whistle."

Coach Livesay was absolutely correct about Saturday afternoon.

The Panthers quickly penetrated the Jumbo defense, scoring the first six goals of the period. In a matter of 15:33, Middlebury went from behind by four to up by two goals on the back of McDonagh, who notched her third, fourth and fifth goals in that span.

After McDonagh's fifth and final goal, Tufts got one back to cut Middlebury's lead by one, but that was as close as the Jumbos would get. Georgia Carroll '18, Kate Zecca '20, Jenna McNicholas '19 and Hollis Perticone '18 each scored to close out an emphatic 15–10 Middlebury victory, giving Tufts its second loss in the Nescac and eliminating the Jumbos from contention for the top seed in the conference.

The next day, the Panthers brought in a win on their senior day on Sunday, April 22 at Kohn Field.

The women excitedly celebrated all five of their strong graduating class: Evie Keating '18, Claire Russell '18, Alex Freedman '18, Carroll, and Perticone.

Once again, the Panthers only got rolling well into the second half on Kohn Field. In a high-scoring first half, Middlebury took an 11–9 lead over Hamilton (3–7 in the Nescac), led by Carroll's three goals.

Livesay must have given a strong halftime speech, based on Middlebury's performance coming out of the break. They scored nine of the 11 goals in the second stanza to put away the visiting Continentals.

A rotation of three goalies protected the cage well enough to lift Middlebury to victory. In the first half, Julia Keith '20 prevented two key balls from getting past her, while in the second half Kate Furber '19 made another appearance in goal, rejecting three shots. Alex Freedman '18 won some playing time after Furber.

Carroll, McDonagh, and Perticone scored hat tricks during the matchup. Susana Baker '19 was the defensive heroine, forcing three turnovers and picking up five ground balls.

"It was great to celebrate our seniors this weekend," said Winslow Ferris '20 afterwards. "It was fun to see some seniors get playing time that normally don't start. Claire Russell had her first goal of the season, and Alex Freedman made an incredible save in goal. We know that this year we were lucky to be playing under such great senior leadership, on and off the field, and will miss them a lot next year."

After yesterday's game at Williams, Middlebury sets its eyes on Nescacs, which begin on Saturday, April 28. If the Panthers won yesterday, they will be the one seed in the playoffs. If they lost and Amherst lost to Trinity, Middlebury will be the one seed. Otherwise, Amherst will be, and Middlebury will be the second seed.

"We are confident going into our game on Wednesday," Garrett said. "Looking ahead, we are also really excited and grateful to prolong our season past Wednesday's game. Playing alongside these girls this season has been incredible. It truly is the first team I have ever been on where I feel like our entire unit is a family."

Regardless of Wednesday's result, Middlebury will have a home game in the quarterfinals on Saturday, April 28.

ITA MEN'S TENNIS RANKINGS

As of Tuesday

Rank	Team
1	Bowdoin
2	Williams
3	Middlebury
4	Amherst
5	Wesleyan
6	Tufts
7	Brandeis
8	Bates
9	MIT
10	Skidmore
11	RPI
12	Hobart
13	Stevens
14	Colby
15	NYU
16	TCNJ
17	Trinity CT
18	Babson
19	Conn College
20	Ithaca

ITA WOMEN'S TENNIS RANKINGS

As of Tuesday

Rank	Team
1	Williams
2	Middlebury
3	Wesleyan
4	Tufts
5	Amherst
6	MIT
7	Bowdoin
8	Skidmore
9	NYU
10	Brandeis
11	Bates
12	Trinity
13	Vassar
14	Wellesley
15	Colby
16	TCNJ
17	Babson
18	Hamilton
19	St. Lawrence
20	Rochester

IWLCA COACHES WOMEN'S LACROSSE RANKINGS

As of Tuesday

Rank	School	Record	Previous Rank
1	TCNJ	13-2	3
2	Amherst	13-1	4
3	Salisbury	15-1	1
4	Gettysburg	12-2	2
5	York (PA)	12-3	7
6	Middlebury	10-2	8
7	Franklin & Marshall	13-3	5
8	Tufts	11-3	6
9	Mary Washington	13-3	9
10	Washington and Lee	12-4	10
11	Trinity (CT)	10-4	11
12	Messiah	12-3	12
13	Bowdoin	11-3	13
14	Wesleyan	9-5	14
15	Catholic	10-5	17
16	Colby	8-6	16
17	William Smith	11-4	18
18	SUNY Cortland	11-4	19
19	Ithaca	11-4	20
20	St. John Fisher	12-2	24
21	Rowan	11-2	21
22	CMS	16-1	22
23	SUNY Geneseo	11-3	15
24	Stevens	11-4	23
25	Washington (MD)	12-3	NR

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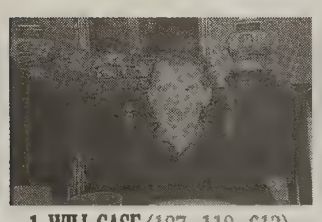

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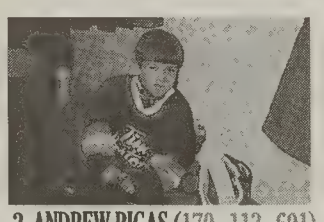
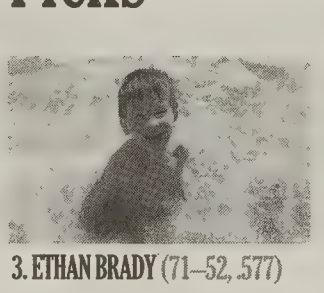


2. ANDREW RIGAS (170–113, .601)



3. ETHAN BRADY (71–52, .577)

4. MIGUEL ESPINOSA (24–21, .533)

Baseball:
Will they sweep this weekend's must-sweep series at Hamilton?

YES They need to do it to realistically keep their shot at making the postseason alive. Plus, Seb's clutch hitting and Big Bob on the mound.	NO These two teams are too close together to predict a sweep. But I think Midd will take two out of three and don't want to rule out the Panthers bringing out the brooms.	NO It's a hard ask to sweep the whole series, especially against Hamilton.	YES Former Sports Editors Rob and Sebastian are going to crush it.

Track and Field:
O/U 4.5 — combined number of adding the team finishes of the men's and women's track teams this weekend at the conference meet.

OVER Good math there, Mr. Rigas.	OVER They combined for fifth among Nescac teams at the New England DIII Indoor Championships, and that's over 4.5.	OVER This team is on fire.	UNDER I'm expecting a strong finish from the track teams.

Women's Golf:
O/U 77.5 — lowest round for senior captain Katharine Fortin '18 in her final competitive tournament at the collegiate level this weekend at Taconic.

UNDER It's her last collegiate performance. She's got nothing to lose. Based off of what we've seen in her time, she's going under 77 at least once.	OVER She hasn't quite found her form this spring.	OVER I'm really sorry.	UNDER She'll place in the top 3 this weekend.

Men's Lacrosse:
Will Middlebury win its Nescac quarterfinal game on Saturday, April 28?

NO I think they play Tufts, and Tufts will prove too much. Hope I lose. It'd set up some good final weeks of the 2017–2018 year for eds picks.	YES This is a tough one to pick because we really have no idea who Middlebury will play on Saturday. But they're playing well and can beat anyone in the league. Give me the Panthers.	NO No.	YES They made noise last year. Look for them to turn heads again this year.

NBA Playoffs:
Celtics at Bucks, Game 6, Tonight

BUCKS This makes for an intriguing game six. Milwaukee protects home court plus pulls out the 7–2 upset.	BUCKS The Greek Freak isn't going to loss this one on his home court.	BUCKS It's not smart to pick against the leading pickers.	CELTICS Brown and Tatum will both go off for 30.

NBA Playoffs:
Cavs at Pacers, Game 6, Friday

CAVS Lebron and the Cavs move on. But they need to right the ship if they plan on doing any damage in the finals ... because they're going to get there.	PACERS Give me Pacers, Sixers in the East Finals.	CAVS Two words: LeBron James.	PACERS Oladipo is gonna oladupe the Cavs.

NBA Playoffs:
Raptors at Wizards, Game 6, Friday

WIZARDS Since I said this is going seven games when we made the intitial predictions, I'm taking Washington at home.	RAPTORS I think they'll shake their road woes to take this one.	RAPTORS The Raptors are the 2-seed; the Wizards are the 7. Who wins now?	RAPTORS They may be a threat to my Celtics for getting to the finals.

NHL Playoffs:
Will Vegas get through the second round?

NO Don't know who they'll play as of these predictions. But Rigas and Miguel say yes, so I'll go no to mix it up. Plus, now that they're the favorites in some sportsbooks, they're going to drop the ball (puck?).	YES Why the heck not? Seems like quite a story ... even if none of us have followed it.	YES Why the h* not?	YES Karlsson and Marchessault will carry the offense.

NFL Draft:
Who will be the first quarterback off the board tonight?

BAKER MAYFIELD Does it make sense? No. But, then again, the Bears could trade up to No. 1 to take Quenton Nelson because Ryan Pace needed to get his guy.	SAM DARNOLD My sources tell me this is a toss-up between Darnold and Josh Allen. I think the Browns will go with the relatively safer choice in Darnold. Welcome to Buffalo Josh!	JOSH ALLEN Goin down to Ol Wyoming	SAM DARNOLD Gut feeling, but it's looking like a crap-shoot for the Browns.

Softball Is Walked off Twice by Williams Then Walks Off Hamilton on Sunday

By LAUREN BOYD

The softball team was swept by Williams in Williamstown last weekend, despite two close games that made for exciting and intense affairs.

The Ephs took the first game of the series last Friday, 7–6, despite holding a five-run lead after the Panthers' half of the fourth.

"We had a rhythm going after the first few innings," said senior captain Kati Daczkowski '18. "We felt good, and our team was working really well as a unit."

Taylor Gardner '18 got off to a hot start, as she homered to left in her first at-bat in the second inning to give Middlebury a 3–0 lead. It was Garner's first homer of the season and could not have come at a better time for the Panthers.

Ali Della Volpe '18 and Olivia Bravo '20 both singled in the top half of the fourth, putting the Panthers up 5–0. However, the Ephs closed the gap in the bottom half of the inning, as Irene Margiotta '19 gave up a grand slam to make it 5–4.

By the end of the sixth, after a lead change and a few good pieces of hitting, things were tied at six. Unfortunately for the Panthers, the Ephs put runners in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh, and Williams set themselves up for a walk-off hit to take game one 7–6.

In the second game, the Ephs took the win over Middlebury in five innings thanks to the mercy rule, 9–0. The Panthers walked into the third game hoping to get out of town with at least one victory against the No. 19 team in the country.

Again, the Panthers took the lead, 2–0, in the first innings of the game. Senior captain Allison Quigley '18 started off the scoring with a solo home run. Melanie Mandell '20 followed Quigley's lead with a solo shot of her own. However, Williams would win 3–2, as Rebecca Duncan drove in the game-winning run for the second time in three days. Duncan also homered in the bottom of the sixth in the series' final game.

"It's always hard to lose to conference opponents," Daczkowski said. "We just have to continue to improve and win."

Following the losses to Williams, the Panthers came out on top in a close battle in a rescheduled game (from Saturday, April 14) against Hamilton, 2–1, in extra innings. This win completed their three-game season sweep of Hamilton, which puts the Panthers in a good position for a spot in the conference playoffs.

Last Sunday it was the Panthers' turn to win in walk-off fashion, as Liza Tarr '19 stepped up to bat with the game tied and Quigley on base. Tarr connected for a base hit to send Quigley home, winning the game for the Panthers.

After midweek action against Rensselaer and St. Joseph, the Panthers will host Wesleyan starting tomorrow afternoon for a three-game set to end the regular season.

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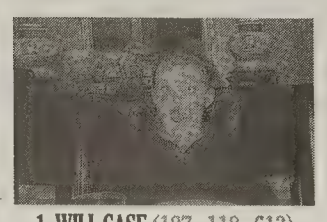

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1 Women's Lacrosse

It's not every day that you overcome four-goal deficits to win big games with conference title implications ... unless you are a member of the women's lacrosse team. Well, at least that's what it seems like.

The Panthers went into halftime of last Saturday's road game against No. 6 Tufts down 9–5 (trailing by as many as five goals late in the first half). When the final horn sounded the Panthers were 15–10 winners and just one step closer to locking up the regular-season conference title. Only seven days before last Saturday's road heroics, the Panthers overcame a four-goal second-half deficit against then-No. 8 Trinity to win 14–8. If the team won last night (after the newspaper went to print), the Panthers have home field throughout the conference playoffs. Emma McDonagh '19 was also named the Nescac Player of the Week on Tuesday.

2 Men's Tennis

It's hard to say too many good things about this team. They have overcome injuries and minor setbacks all spring, but have not made any excuses for a drop-off in play.

The most recent highlight was last weekend's victory over No. 1 Emory in a match played at Trinity. The Panthers knocked off the Eagles by dominating the doubles matchups and by taking care of business at the top of the singles ladder.

The top doubles battery of Lubo Cuba '19 and Kyle Schlanger '18 won their sixth match in a row together and their 15th overall for the season. Cuba and Schlanger also got the job done for the Panthers in the No. 1 and No. 4 slots on the ladder. In other good news, Noah Farrell '19 and Will de Quant '18 both look like they are back to form and healthy after missing time in the early portion of the season.

3 Women's Tennis

It was same-old, same-old for the women's tennis team last weekend, as they took to the road and beat the likes of top-five Wesleyan and DI Quinnipiac.

The Panthers' No. 2, Heather Boehm '20, still has yet to lose a singles match this spring. Meanwhile, Panther sophomores Skylar Schlossberger '20, Catherine Blazye '20 and Maddi Stow '20 have continued to do damage for the Panthers on the bottom half of the ladder.

When the latest rankings come out later today, given their win over No. 5 Wesleyan last weekend, look for the Panthers to move up in the rankings.

Next up, the regular season finale in Amherst, Massachusetts, on Saturday, as the Panthers will have a shot at knocking off currently-No. 8 Amherst.

4 Track & Field

Although they called last weekend a tune-up, the track and field teams are looking well positioned to have a top showing at the conference meet on Saturday in New Haven, Connecticut.

5 Men's Lacrosse

They suffered a close loss to Tufts, the team likely to win the regular season conference title, last Saturday at Youngman Field at Alumni Stadium. Last night, the Panthers took on Williams at Youngman Field to wrap up the regular season. Most likely, they will be playing away from Youngman for the remainder of the 2018 campaign, as they look to be road warriors in the conference playoffs.

6 Baseball

After last weekend's showing against Bowdoin, they may be heating up at just the right time. With plenty of games still left to play, including six against Hamilton and Amherst, the Panthers have a good shot at making the conference tournament. As we learned from watching them (and the men's lacrosse team, for that matter) last year, once you're in the tournament, anything can happen.

7 Softball

Their win over Hamilton last Sunday will go a long way in helping them qualify for the conference tournament. First, they'll need to overcome another sweep, last week at the hands of Williams, and try to take a game from Wesleyan in the final series of the regular season this Saturday at the softball field.

8 Bears

NFL schedule came out this week ... already trying to figure out how to book a spot on the Bears Super Bowl ticket waiting list.

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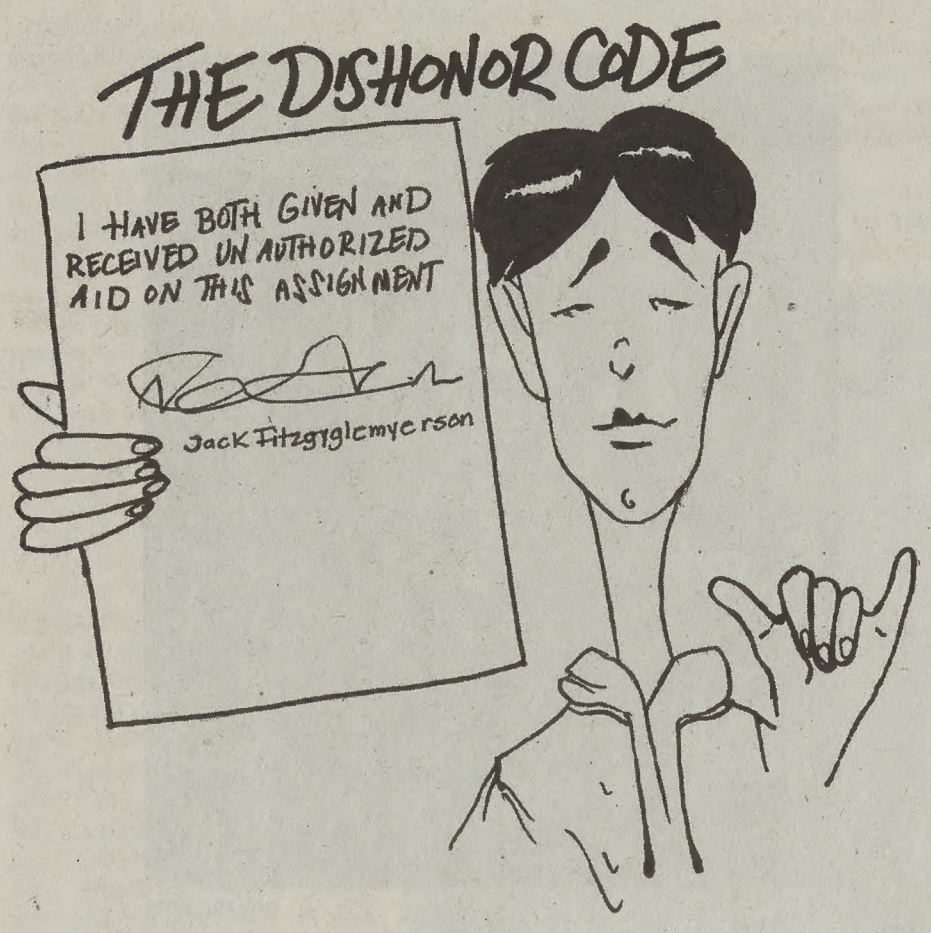

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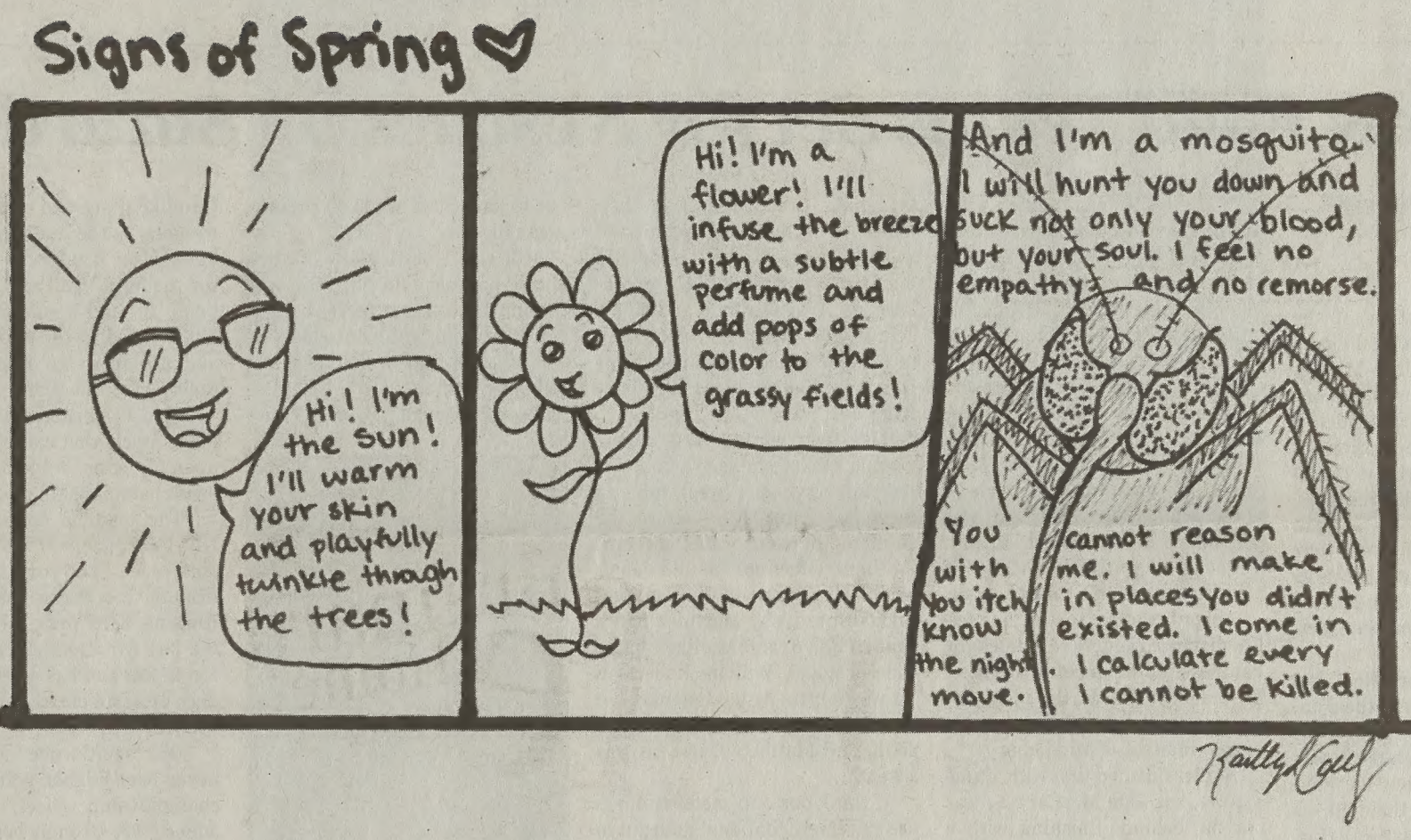
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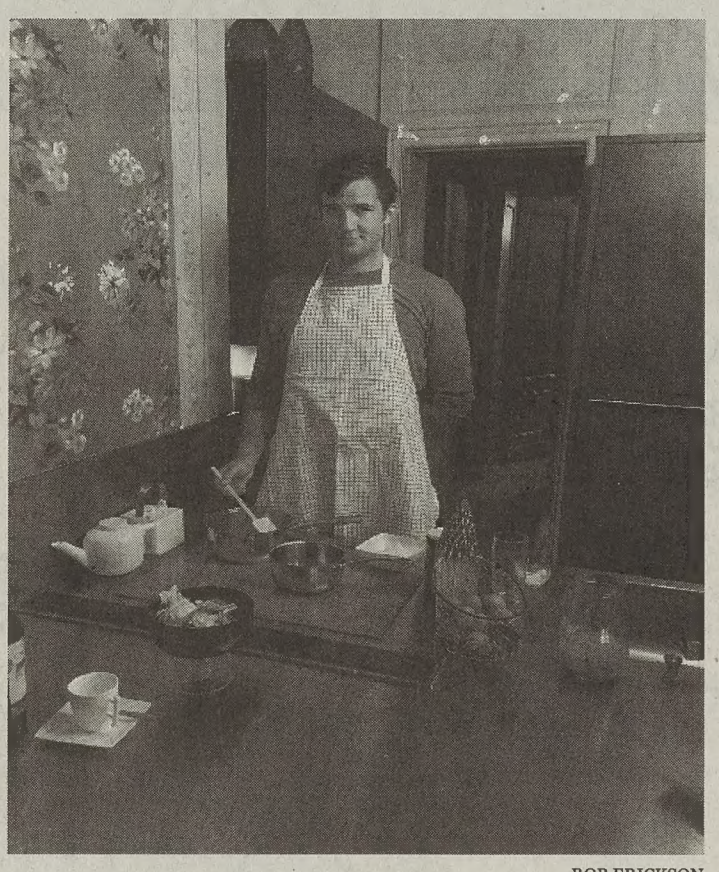
Panther Team of the Week:
Baseball

MICHAEL BORENSTEIN

After back-to-back walk-off wins and a complete-game (seven-inning) shutout courtesy of Rob Erickson '18 against Bowdoin last Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, Middlebury baseball has some momentum in its sails to get back in the thick of the hunt for the conference tournament. While women's lacrosse also used a monumental comeback to beat Tufts in Medford last Saturday, the baseball team walked-off the Polar Bears in the first game of Sunday's double-header despite trailing 4–2 heading into the bottom of the seventh. A pair of seventh-inning doubles, courtesy of Brooks Carroll '20 and Justin Han '20, sent the Panthers to a 5–4 victory. A day earlier, a Hayden Smith '20 walk-off single with the bases loaded sealed an 11–10 Middlebury win. For the second game on Sunday, check out our player of the week — look right.

Panther Player of the Week:
Rob Erickson '18



ROB ERICKSON

Erickson threw a shutout in the the final game of last weekend's series against Bowdoin. He had four strikeouts and four walks and gave up only four hits, one of which came on a bunt single. The fifth inning was the only time the Panthers ran into any sign of trouble on Sunday afternoon, but Justin Han '20 and Phil Bernstein '19 navigated a first-and-third situation perfectly to bail Erickson and the Panthers out of a jam. Erickson is second on the team with 36.1 innings pitched (Colby Morris '19, 47.1 IP) and has an ERA that is just a hair under three runs per game.

Track & Field Teams Set for Nescacs on Saturday

By JORDAN HOWELL

With the cancellation of the Panther Spring Invitational due to unfavorable weather, the Middlebury track and field team had one less opportunity to participate in a full-scale meet in preparation for the upcoming conference championships. Three of the Panthers, Kiera Dowell '20, Rebecca Gorman '20, and Jonathan Fisher '20, were able to get a bit of practice in by participating in the non-scoring Silfen Invitational on Saturday, April 14.

The Williams Quad Meet last Saturday, April 21, was the Panthers' last big meet before the conference championships. It was a non-scoring meet, but the Panthers clearly gave it their all, as shown by their impressive performances.

Nathan Hill '20 affirmed that the Panthers went all out to ensure they were as prepared as they could be for this coming weekend's meets.

"I think the team gained a lot of confidence from this past weekend," Hill said. "There were a lot of high-quality individual performances, and there is a sense of unity towards the common goal of winning Nescacs."

The women's team had an excellent showing in the 200-meter dash — the top three finishers in the final race were all Panthers. Alex Cook '20 won with a time of 26.15, while Kate Holly '21 was only about .2 seconds behind with a time of 26.39. Lizzie Walkes '20 came in third with a time of 26.54.

Abigail Nadler '19 and her fellow distance runners continued the Panthers' dominance of the meet in Williamstown. In the 1500-meter race the top six finishers were representatives of Middlebury.

Nadler finished first with a time 4:40.11, but Kate MacCary '19 was not far behind, finishing with a time of 4:40.60. A time of 4:43.07 was able to net Anna Willig '20 third place, and Read Allen '18, Tasha Greene '21 and Olivia Mitchell '20 rounded out the top six.

Both the 4×100 and 4×400 relay teams came in first in their races, with times of 49.86 and 4:04.36, respectively. The 4×100 team was composed of Ellie Greenberg '20, Walkes, Cook and Holly. The 4×400 team was composed of Gretchen McGrath '21, Langley Dunn '19, Kai Milici '21, and Lucy Lang '19.

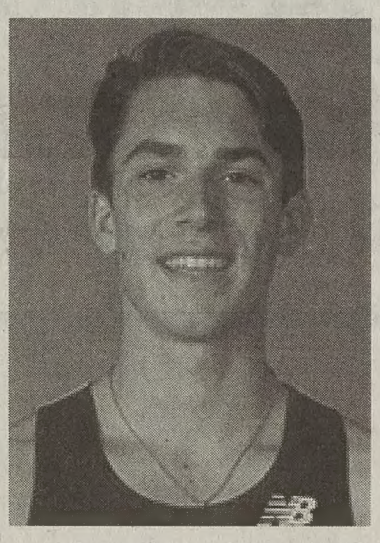
Like their counterparts on the women's team, the men's 400-meter runners had a great tune-up meet last Saturday — six of the seven top finishers were Panthers.

Jimmy Martinez '19 and James Mulliken '18 came in first and second, respectively. Martinez had a time of 48.76, and Mulliken had a time of 49.56. William Robertson '21 was fourth, Arden Coleman '20 was fifth, Cam Mackintosh '20 was sixth, and Matthew Durst '21 was seventh.

"I think our 400-meter runners are extremely confident going in to next week's championship meet," Mulliken said. "We have the strongest group of 400-meter runners in the Nescac, and this group promises to be a strong source of points at the meet. Jimmy Martinez in particular has been running great all year."

Hill was able to show his balanced approach in the 800-meter and 1500-meter races, both of which he won. In the 800, his time was 1:55.28, and in the 1500, his time was 3:57.25.

"Kevin [Serrao '18] and James [Mulliken] are two of the top 800 runners in the country, and they know what it takes to compete at the top level," Hill said. "Jon [Perlman '19] and Kevin [Serrao] also both scored in the 1500 last year and are ready to improve upon their places this year."



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Nathan Hill '18.

All in all, the team has many reliable assets that can be depended upon for this Saturday's conference championship meet.

"The team is confident," said Hill, looking forward to the conference meet. "The confidence stems from the fact that we have all been working hard over the course of the last five months. Nescacs is a ton of fun and has a very high-energy atmosphere that I think we will thrive in."

"Our confidence levels have never been higher going into the championship meet," Mulliken added. "We strongly believe this is our meet to win."

Hopefully all of this hard work pays off for both the men's and women's teams as they get on a bus bound for Williamstown for Saturday's, April 28, meet.

Giguere Captures Individual Tourney at Williams, Women's Team Turns in Balanced Effort at Amherst

By MIGUEL ESPINOSA

On Saturday, April 21, the men's golf team traveled down Route 7 to compete in the Williams Spring Invitational, held at the Taconic Golf Club. The women's team, meanwhile, headed to the Jack Leaman Invitational, hosted by Amherst at the Amherst Golf Club. As the semester winds down, both squads were looking to emerge victorious in a spring season that allowed them few opportunities to do so. Last weekend marked the second out of three weekends of competition for them this spring.

In the Williams tournament, the men's team came away with a strong finish that placed them second in the eight-team field. The team total was 607 after two rounds. Taking the crown was Trinity College, who shot 9 points lower at 598, thanks to the efforts of Bantams like Will Rosenfeld, Nate Choukas, and Kole Kelly, who were tied for second, fourth, and fourth, respectively. The hosting team, Williams, finished third by shooting 621.

Jeffrey Giguere '20 was one of the central factors behind the Panthers' performance. His two-round total of 149 was good enough to win the individual tournament crown. Giguere was consistent throughout both rounds, scoring 74 in the first and 75 in the second. Behind him was Jordan Bessalel '21, who managed to tie for fourth by hitting a total of 151. Reid Buzby '19 placed eighth with his total of 152.

Other Panthers included Phil Morin '19, who tied for 17th with a 158; David Packer '20, who hit 169; and David McDaniel '19 at 170. John Stenovec '20 also competed on the first day, carding a 74.

"It was super windy both days, and I felt like when I was hitting the ball, it was very solid," said Giguere. "I was in control into and down wind, and I was flighting the ball the way I needed to in order to keep out it of the wind."

"I think the conditions going into last weekend were pretty tough — we had winds of up to 25–30 miles per hour," said Morin. "I'm really proud of how everyone played and [ground] it out. Being the kind of spring weather that we've had, it's been really difficult to get out our A-games from the fall."

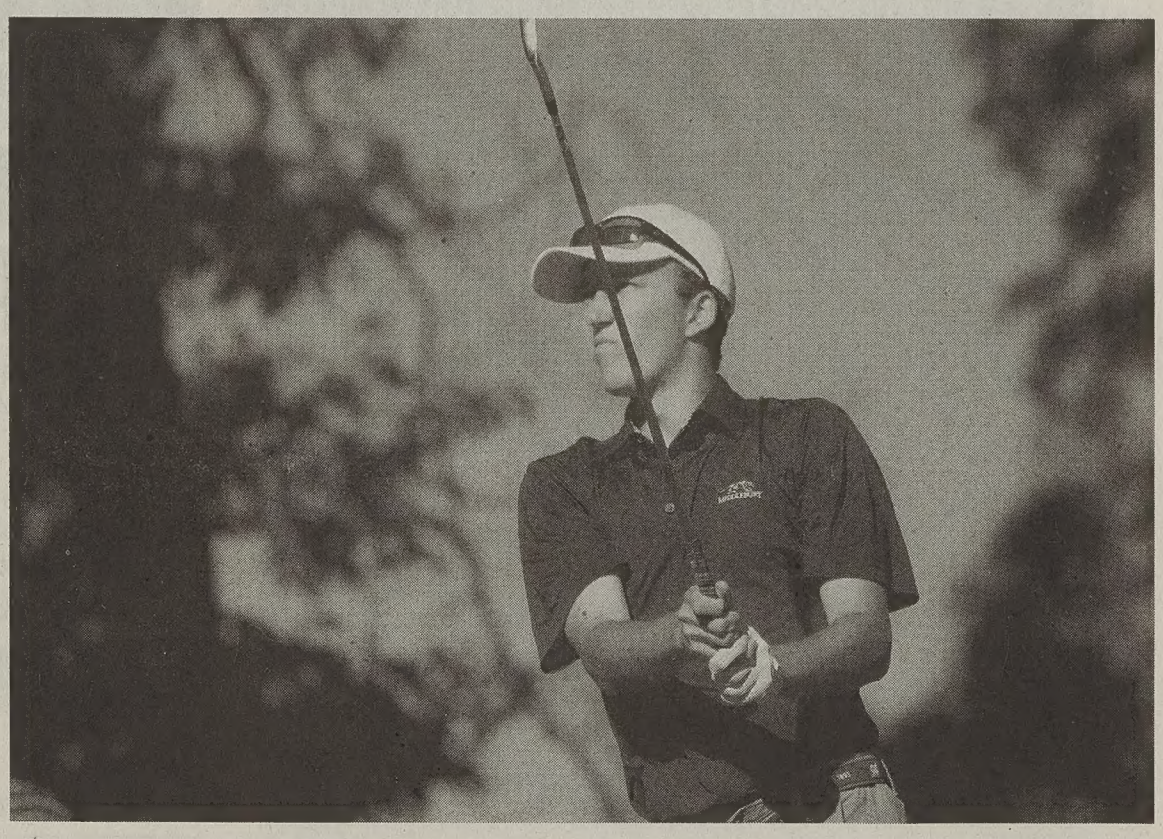
In the Jack Leaman Invitational, the women's team finished fourth in a field that included seven teams. Taking the title was Amherst, whose pace of 634 was the result of two Mammoth efforts, courtesy of Isabelle Ouyang and Zoe Wong, who finished first and second, respectively, on the individual leaderboard. The Panthers finished fourth, one spot behind conference rival Williams.

Hope Matthews '18 tallied the lowest two-round total with a 164, which tied her for 13th. Blake Yaccino ' 20 landed at 18th after shooting 84 and 81 for a combined 165. Katharine Fortin '18 finished 19th with a two-day total of 166. Chloe Levins '20 shot a 167, and Helen Dailey '19 rounded out the Panthers' efforts with a tournament total of 169.

For the women's squad, last weekend wasn't their best performance. One of the challenges the Panthers faced was their unfamiliarity with Amherst's course.

"In this particular tournament, none of our team had played Amherst Golf Club before, so it was a new course for everyone," said Matthews. "The team played a practice round on Friday to see what the holes were like.

"I think it's possible that our team is having trouble staying confident on the course because we haven't had much outdoor practice time this spring," Matthews added. "In a five-hour round of golf, if a doubt about your preparation prior to the round comes into your mind, it can be difficult to fully push that thought out."



JEFF PATTERSON

Jeff Giguere '20 shot a 74 and a 75 to win the Williams Invitational for the second-place men's golf team.

Men's Tennis Beats No. 1 Emory, Making Case For Top ITA Ranking

By JACK KAGAN

Middlebury men's tennis made a convincing case for the top spot of the national polls by defeating No. 1 and defending national champion Emory during a weekend trip to Connecticut, where the Panthers also beat Trinity 6–3 on Saturday, April 21, and No. 13 Wesleyan 5–4 on Sunday, April 22.

The Panthers showed this past weekend that their 8–1 win against No. 2 Bowdoin on April 14th was not a fluke, and their championship aspirations were well founded. Just seven days later, they drove to Hartford for a matchup with No. 1 Emory on Trinity's courts.

Before they played Emory, though, they had to show that the depth in their ladder could get through Trinity. Trinity was winless in the Nescac going into the match, and Middlebury gave their singles players some rest, though Andre Xiao '21 played singles in both matches and ended up losing in a tight three-set match to senior Kyle Scheffers. Doubles standout Timo van der Geest '18 also got the call to play No. 1 against Trinity, and lost in two closely contested sets, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Despite the Trinity's sharp top-of-the-ladder players, Middlebury secured the win down the stretch with confident wins from experienced stand-ins Alex Vanezis '20 and Adam Guo '21, not to mention a doubles core that held nothing back.

The Panthers sent out their usual squad of doubles teams to secure three easy points, as Lubo Cuba '19 and Kyle Schlanger '18 picked up their 13th win in 16 matches. The Panthers held nothing back in doubles and punished the Bantams 8–2, 8–2, and 8–4 en route to a 6–3 match victory. The Panthers no doubt had their eyes on Emory for later that day.

Emory has certainly established itself of late as a Division III powerhouse. The Eagles have won the national championships twice in the past six years and haven't even finished outside the top 10 in almost 20 years. They traveled up to Hartford undefeated in DIII play after fending off No. 3 University of Chicago, No. 13 Wesleyan, and No. 5 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, who handed Middlebury a 7–2 loss in California almost a month ago. That being said, neither team forgot the 6–3 loss Middlebury handed Emory last year — a defeat that failed to slow the Eagles trajectory to a national championship just two months thereafter.

Last year's loss seemed perhaps all too familiar for the Eagles as the Panthers proceeded to dominate. The wins started early for Midd, who masterfully handled the Eagles at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles, each by scores of 8–1. Van der Geest, playing on minimal rest, showed what he had left in the tank as he and Peter Martin '19 rounded out the scoring to start the match off 3–0. Panthers duos are an impressive 47–13 this spring, and the players must be comforted each time they can jump out to such a big lead moving into singles play.

The Panthers singles players scarcely needed the boost, as they dominated the first through fourth singles spots. The upperclassmen at the top of the ladder made quick work of the men from Emory. Schlanger picked up his fourth-straight win of the spring, while the others finished without much commotion. The top and middle of the ladder left no double who is the better team.

"It took a belief in ourselves and a constant attention on staying focused in our execution of our individual game plans, which differ vastly based on the unique talents of each of our players," assistant coach Andrew Thomson said.

After Cuba clinched the match with his 10th win of the spring, the first-years at the bottom of the ladder ran into trouble against Emory's upperclassmen. Xiao, with little rest, and Nate Eazor '21 could not finish the job as they fell in incredibly close three-setters with multiple tie-breaks. The upperclassmen had picked them up, however, and the Panthers emerged having tackled the No. 1 team in the country, handing them their first DIII loss of the season.

"Beating Emory was a monster win, no doubt about it," Thomson said. "Anytime you beat a time with that much talent and that strong of a record, it demonstrates that we have a lot of things heading in the right direction for our group.

"Of course, it is very possible we will play Emory again and if we do so, we will expect it to be a war. They are always a tough team to beat and even though our victory was clear, we likely caught them on a day they were not playing their best. We will need to continue to improve so that we will be likely to win if we meet again and when they are playing better."

Despite Saturday's heroics, the result of the weekend still wasn't certain until the very end. After van der Geest and Martin dropped a tie-breaker to Wesleyan's Stephen Chen and Cam Daniels, the Panthers found themselves with a narrow 2–1 lead heading into singles against a Wesleyan team that plays an incredibly strong schedule and almost knocked off previously-No. 7 Washington University in St. Louis and previously-No. 8 Carnegie Mellon.

Looking to avoid any theatrical upsets, the rock-solid middle of the ladder for Middlebury took care of business in dominant fashion to quickly clinch the match for the Panthers. Schlanger picked up his 11th win in 15 matches, while Eazor and Will de Quant '18 followed suit. If it weren't for the order of the matches, the match might have looked in doubt for the Panthers. The Cardinals fought extremely hard, even unexpectedly winning at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, to bring themselves within two points of the Panthers, who led 5-3. Wesleyan's Princeton Carter took advantage of Xiao's exhausting weekend and pushed him to his limits, handing him a three-set loss.

The Cardinals narrowly missed the upset, and the Panthers survived the weekend unscathed and could finally celebrate their upending of the defending national champions.

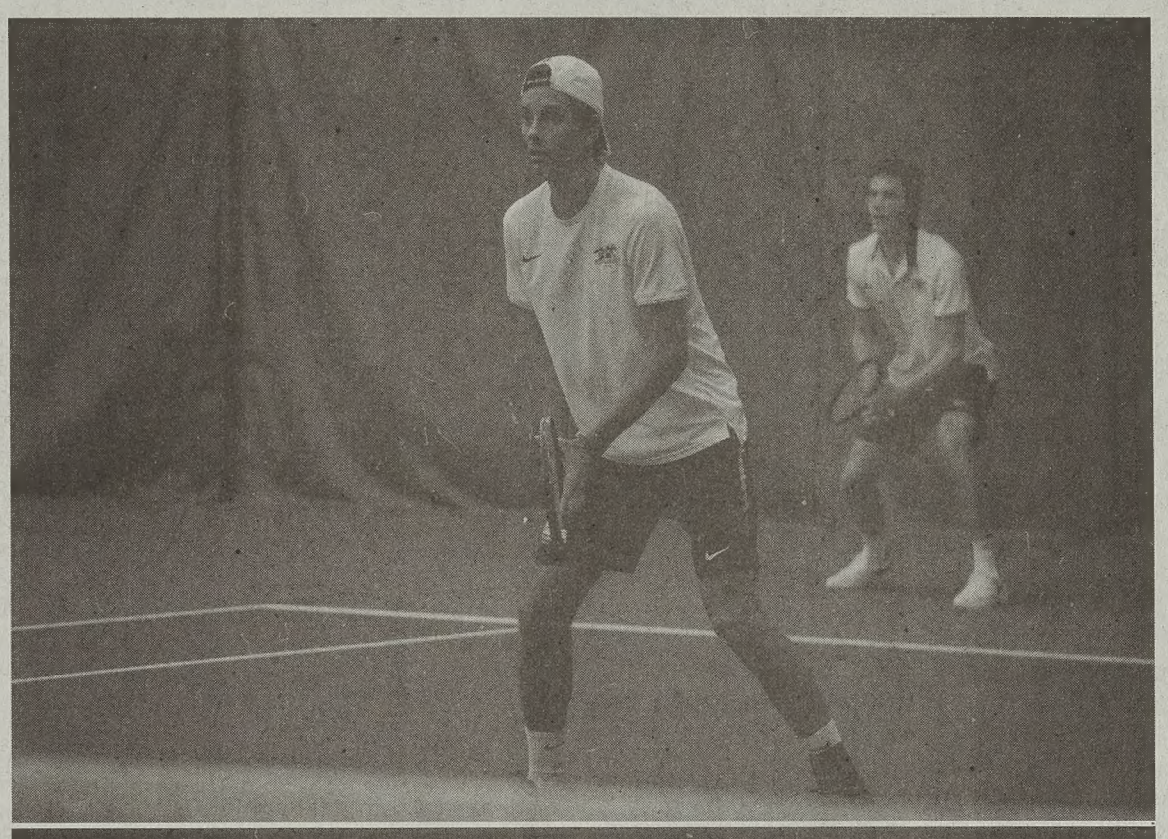
When the updated ITA rankings come out later today, Middlebury figures to move up a few spots in the polls. Some have speculated that the Panthers may even be the ITA's new top team heading into the tail end of the season.

"It will be interesting to see how the ITA committee decides upon both national and regional rankings as most teams have 1 or 2 losses at this point," Thomson said. "While a No. 1 national ranking might be possible for us, the only benefit of it would be an improved draw for the NCAA tournament assuming we make it there."

The Panthers must not look past Nescac championship host No. 7 Amherst in their final home match of the year on Sunday, April 29, as they await the seedings for the conference tournament.

"We will have to maintain the mentality of a team hungry to prove that we can beat anyone if we are to continue to have a successful season," Thomson said. "This starts with Amherst this weekend, who will represent another extremely formidable Nescac opponent that is loaded with talent up and down their lineup."

Though the Mammoths haven't made any noise against top-five-ranked teams this season, they have been perfect against teams outside of this range, so look to the Proctor Tennis Courts on Sunday to see some heated action and a possible Nescac tournament preview.



MICHAEL BORENSTEIN

Middlebury's doubles teams set the tone against No. 1 Emory on Saturday, winning all three matches as the Panthers went on to win 7–2. In their three-match trip to Connecticut, the Panthers won eight of nine doubles matches.

Women's Tennis Showcases Depth with Three Wins in Connecticut

By ANDREW RIGAS

The women's tennis team extended its winning streak to five matches by winning all three in a successful trip to Connecticut from Friday to Sunday, April 20 to 22. No. 4 Middlebury knocked off DI opponent Quinnipiac 4–3 on Friday, dismissed Trinity 9–0 on Saturday, and upended No. 5 Wesleyan in a crucial match for Nescac seeding on Sunday, even though the Cardinals boast the three-time defending NCAA singles champion, Eudice Chong, who also won the doubles title with Victoria Yu last season.

Middlebury lost to Chong and Yu at first doubles and first and second singles, but the Panthers took every other match to hand Wesleyan its second loss in the conference.

With the victory, the Panthers clinched the second seed in the Nescac playoffs no matter what happens in their last match of the regular season at Amherst this Saturday, because they beat Wesleyan and Tufts, the two teams that are one game behind Middlebury in the standings.

Quinnipiac posed a unique challenge for Middlebury in the Panthers' first match in Connecticut on Friday. Facing a Division I opponent, they played by DI rules, meaning whichever team won more of the doubles pro-sets to six games won the singles doubles point — singles is not different, so the match was out of seven points. And, of course, any Division I opponent will be a challenge.

The Bobcats took two out of the three doubles matches to earn the doubles point, as Heather Boehm '20 and Ann Martin Skelly '21 won 6–3 in the second slot for Middlebury's only doubles victory.

But Middlebury bounced back when Catherine Blazye '20, at No. 3, and Katy Hughes '20, at No. 2, won the first two singles matches in straight sets to put Middlebury ahead. Quinnipiac tied the match at two, then Molly Paradies '19 rebounded from losing 6–7 in the first set to take the next two sets 6–0, 6–2 and give Middlebury the lead back. Once more, the Bobcats answered back in the sixth slot to tie the match at three.

In the deciding match, Skylar Schossberger '21 won the first set 6–3, lost the second 5–7, then took the third 6–3, securing a 4–3 victory for Middlebury over the hosts.

Saturday's match at Trinity was Middlebury's easiest of the weekend. The Panthers shut out the Bantams, winning 96 of 111 games in the process.

And Sunday's matchup at Wesleyan held great intrigue for a couple of reasons: both teams entered with one loss in the Nescac, and Middlebury is ranked fourth nationally while Wesleyan is fifth.

Doubles play went back and forth. Boehm and Skelly quickly beat their opponents 8–2 in the third slot, but the defending NCAA doubles champions, Chong and Yu, outlasted Schossberger and Hughes in the first to win 8–5 and tie the match.

"Wesleyan's number-one doubles team is very strong," said Middlebury head coach Rachel Kahan. "Williams was able to push past them in a close one a few weeks ago, so I believe they are beatable."

Even in defeat, Middlebury's top pair demonstrated they could compete with one of the best doubles teams in the country, and Kahan wants her pair to play Chong and Yu again.

"Katy and Sky competed very well and learned a lot from the match, and we hope to get another chance to play them this season."

Blazye and Maddi Stow '20 made sure Middlebury led entering singles by defeating their opponents 8–2 at No. 2.

Chong swept Christina Puccinelli '19 in first singles to tie the match at two. Saturday was Chong's birthday — as if she was not tough enough already, playing against the senior on her birthday was probably impossible.

The Panthers slowly but steadily pulled away from the Cardinals after that. Schossberger in the fifth slot and Blazye in the fourth won in straight sets before Yu beat Hughes at No. 2.

Middlebury led 4–3 with two matches to go — Boehm's at No. 3 and Stow's at No. 6. Stow finished first when she beat Zoe Klass-Warch 6–0, 6–3 to clinch the match for Middlebury. Sunday was Stow's birthday as well, and she got to seal Middlebury's victory with her second win of the day and fourth of the weekend.

Stow stayed undefeated in singles this spring with her two wins over the weekend, extending her unbeaten streak to 10 matches. She is emblematic of Middlebury's remarkable depth throughout their roster, which proved to be one of their keys to victory against Wesleyan and in every match in Connecticut.

All nine players have won matches this spring, and the Panthers won matches in every doubles and singles slot this weekend.

"I do believe we have strong depth on our team this year," said head coach Rachel Kahan. "It is great as a coach to feel that I can put any of my nine players in the lineup and feel confident that they will compete well."

Another example of Middlebury's depth is Skelly, who stepped into the doubles lineup in the middle of the season to pair with Boehm. They have won all five of their matches together, each of them by three games or more.

"We've been playing really great together and are thrilled with our five-match winning streak," said Skelly. "I think that our games really complement each other, and we feed well off each other's energy. We have been focused, and our coaches have worked with us a lot on different strategies that we've been seeing a lot of success in."

Middlebury will travel to Amherst on Saturday, April 28, to face off with the Mammoths in their final match of the regular season. Then the Panthers will turn to Nescacs the following weekend, when they will venture to Amherst again for the playoffs from Friday to Sunday, May 4 to 6.

MICHAEL BORENSTEIN

Maddi Stow '20 extended her unbeaten streak in singles this spring to 10 matches with two wins this weekend, including the match-clinching victory against Wesleyan.

Men's Lacrosse Loses in April for First Time; Eyes Elusive Nescac Crown

By IMRAN GANDA

"We still have plenty to improve on, and that only excites us, as we have a huge stretch ahead to show how far we can go," A.J. Kucinski '20 said after Tufts snapped Middlebury's five-game winning streak on Saturday, April 21.

Despite losing to No. 6 Tufts, who is currently in a three-way tie for first place in the Nescac, 13–10 on Saturday on Youngman Field at Alumni Stadium, the men's lacrosse team (8–6, 4–5) feels satisfied with their performance over the past few months as the season comes to an end. Though their five-game winning streak came to an end Saturday afternoon to one of the Nescac's top teams, the Panthers look forward to entering the postseason to try to win the elusive Nescac title.

The Tufts game was a well-contested bout with the momentum in favor of Middlebury. After a low-scoring first quarter, the Nescac foes were tied at two. Chase Goree '20 and Jack Gould '19 scored Middlebury's only goals.

But then the Panthers took control of the pace of the game in the second quarter, outscoring the visitors 3–1 to take a 5–3 lead into the locker room.

"In the first half, we played with great spacing and attacked our matchups very well and played fast, which was to our advantage," said Kucinski.

Middlebury maintained its edge on Youngman Field to start the second half, scoring two more goals to grow its lead to four.

But then, just like that, everything shifted. The Jumbos came back to score 10 unanswered goals, six in the third and four in the fourth, to take a 13–7 lead with 7:44 remaining in the game.

In the last four minutes, Henry Riehl '18 scored three times — his third, fourth, and fifth goals of the game, respectively — but Middlebury got no closer than three goals, suffering a 13–10 defeat.

Tufts' 10–0 run in a little under 20 minutes proved to be decisive in Saturday's contest. In defeat, the Panthers outshot the Jumbos 55–31, won 19 faceoffs to the visitors' seven, and committed one fewer turnover (13–12).

But their failure to mitigate Tufts' run and to convert their scoring opportunities cost them against an opponent that does not allow for many miscues.

"We knew they were not going to go away, and it came down to just needing to weather that storm a bit better offensively," Kucinski said. "We could have shot the ball better and converted a few more opportunities that would have helped out the defense, who played great."

Middlebury finished its regular season against Williams yesterday on Youngman Field at Alumni Stadium, after the newspaper went to print. Throughout the season, however, the discussion around rankings has not crossed the minds of the Panthers. They understand that the Nescac is a conference with elite competition that is bound to produce upsets and the impossible.

"There is no doubt that in the Nescac, the team that shows up on game day wanting it more will win the game," Kucinski said. "Anybody can beat anybody in this league, and our mentality is to go out and bring it, and we know we always are in the fight."

For evidence to the truth of Kucinski's comment about the unpredictability of postseason conference play, one has to look no further than Middlebury's sensational run in the playoffs last year. After beating Williams on their final day of the regular season, they went into the playoffs as heavy underdogs but made it to the championship, where they lost by one goal to Wesleyan.

"With so many returners from last year and a strong belief in each other as a whole, our goal is the same as always: win the Nescac and ride that confidence into the NCAA tournament," Kucinski stated. "Our run last year was measured by heart, focus, and everyone doing their job, and with that experience under our belt we can prepare ourselves to take the necessary steps to come out on top."

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Jake Madnick '20 dominated on faceoffs in Saturday's game, winning 19 of 26. He also collected a team-high seven ground balls.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
#34 HENRY RIEHL

Henry Riehl '18 scored a season-high five goals in Middlebury's 13–10 loss to Tufts on Saturday, April 21, giving him a team-best 33 goals (before the Williams game yesterday) this season. Riehl has scored 121 career goals and assisted on 47 more in his four years in the blue-and-white. If Middlebury hopes to make another run in the Nescac playoffs, Riehl will almost certainly need to make a large mark in the scoring column. In last year's playoffs, he scored six goals in three games as the Panthers made it to the championship game before falling to Wesleyan in heartbreaking fashion, 9–8. Riehl and the Panthers also aim to return to the NCAA tournament after missing out last season. Riehl missed the tournament his sophomore season as well, so he will try to make his first NCAA appearance since his first year — a little extra incentive for the senior in his last hurrah at Middlebury.

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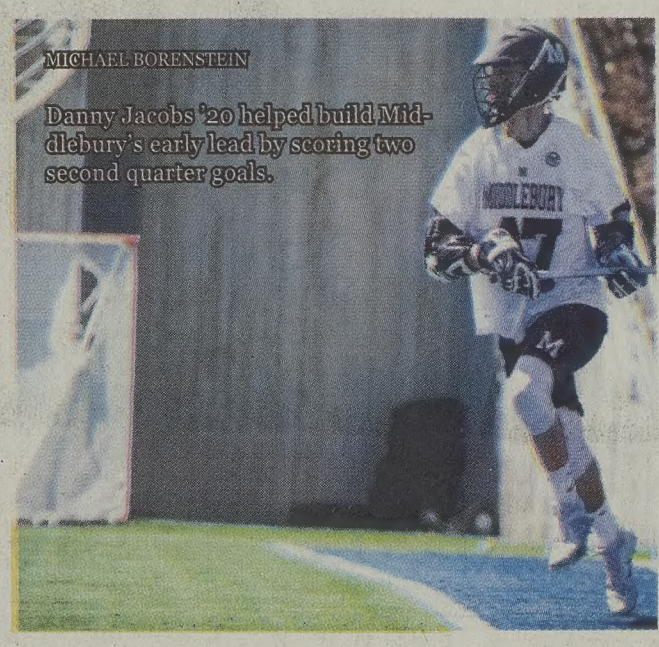
Senior captain Parker Lawlor '18 probes the Tufts defense.



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Danny Jacobs '20 helped build Middlebury's early lead by scoring two second quarter goals.